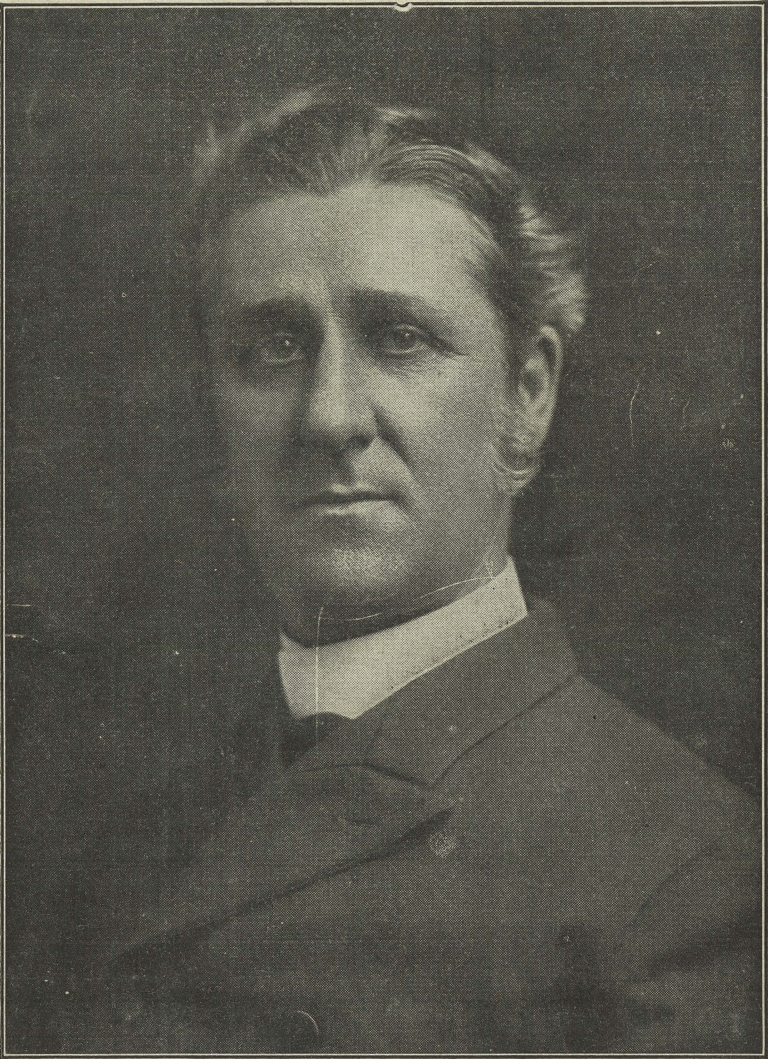


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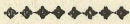
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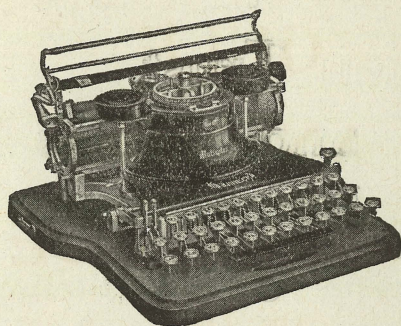
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Foreign Missions.

C. L. Elliott, L. E. Gower, R. R. Ellis.

Episcopal Fund.

The District Superintendents.

Conference Relations.

G. B. Hines, T. J. Shrode, E. D. Smith.

General Qualifications.

James R. Basket, H. C. Leonard, T. E. Webb.

Auditing Accounts.

H. K. Faulk, E. N. Hardin, W. R. Newton.

Public Worship.

Pastor and District Superintendent.

Memorials.

G. B. Hines, L. E. Gower, T. E. Webb.

Resolutions.

F. W. Roy, F. M. Simpson, J. H. Beadle.

Memoirs.

G. B. Hines, J. W. Lively, C. A. Perkins.

Sabbath Observance.

C. W. Holmes, W. B. Hebert, R. G. Swanson.

Sunday Schools.

W. T. Stokes, H. C. Leonard, H. K. Faulk.

State of the Church.

R. T. Pynes, R. T. Hodgson.

Temperance.

W. T. Stokes, H. C. Leonard, H. K. Faulk.

American Bible Society.

W. I. Gates, J. H. Beadle, J. Woodson.

Book Concern.

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Home Mission and Church Extension.

G. B. Hines, F. W. Loy, E. N. Hardin.

Education.

E. D. Smith, T. E. Webb, A. J. Price.

Freedmen's Aid.

R. T. Pines, R. G. Swanson, R. L. Weldon.

Epworth League.

L. E. Gower, F. J. Ensign, R. T. Hodgson.

CONFERENCE BOARDS—1916.

District Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: South-
ern District: J. A. Carruth, R. L. Weldon, J. W. Hervey, C. V.
Palmer, H. S. Williams.

New Orleans District: F. W. Loy, H. K. Faulk, R. G. Swanson,
George M. King.

Texas District: L. E. Gower, T. J. Shrode, Dr. J. W. Vogan, E.
V. Chaney, F. M. Simpson.

District Epworth League Presidents.
R. L. Weldon, R. T. Pynes, R. R. Ellis.

Conference Commission on Finance.
T. J. Shrode, C. L. Elliott, Dr. J. F. Matthews, E. D. Chaney, J.
R. Basket.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.
G. B. Hines, Pastors at Welsh, Jennings and Crowley, the District
Superintendents, Mrs. D. A. Kelley, G. B. Woolman, E. C.
Willard, H. I. Logenboch, H. E. Buck, T. E. Webb.

Board of Foreign Missions.
J. W. Hervey, H. S. White, J. A. Carruth, E. D. Smith, T. E. Webb,
C. L. Elliott.

Board of Conference Stewards.
J. R. Basket, L. E. Gower, G. B. Hines, J. A. Carruth, J. W. Hervey,
R. T. Pynes, F. M. Simpson.

District Sunday School Superintendents.
Dr. R. T. Fuller, C. V. Palmer, C. A. Perkins, T. E. Webb, C. L.
Elliott, F. D. Walters.

Visitors to Port Arthur College
T. E. Webb, F. M. Simpson, F. J. Ensign.

Triers of Appeals.
R. L. Weldon, E. D. Smith, L. E. Gower, R. G. Swanson, F. W. Loy.
Board of Directors of Gulf Conference Incorporation.
J. A. Carruth, G. B. Hines, G. B. Woolman, W. E. Cline, H. E. Buck,
O. C. Stanton, J. D. Cline.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

R. L. Weldon, chairman; T. E. Webb, treasurer; H. C. Leonard, J.
W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, T. J. Shrode, E. D. Smith. (See
plan of Examinations.)

PLAN OF EXAMINATION

Examiner	Admission	First Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
Leonard	Sermon	Phelps	Dewey	Patten	Eiselen
Hervey	Wheeler	Broadus	Essay	Fisher	Earp
Hines	Winchester	Deny	Meyer	Sheldon p. 322	Sheldon p. 322-635
Shrode	Eiselen and Barclay	Eaton	Mott	Jackson	Essay
Smith	Discipline	Merrill and Downey	Terry	Fisher	Smythe
Webb		James and Sanford	Dods	Sermon Sheldon	Bowne
Weldon	Hurlbut	Sermon	Speer	Sacer-ism	Winchester
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RULES OF EXAMINATION

1. List of questions shall be prepared by appointed Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of Examiner and sent to chairman for filing. See Discipline, Paragraph 569, section 3, page 523. Dis. 1912.

2. Each examiner shall retain one copy of each set of his own questions.

3. Each examiner shall send all grades promptly to Register for recording.

4. If Student wants grade, he shall enclose with his paper a self-addressed stamped envelope.

5. Each student is required to give to Register written statement that he has read all books required in the course of study.

6. All essays and sermons shall be in the hands of Examiners thirty days before Conference.

7. There will be one mid-year examination, which shall be held at the seat and time of the District Conference for each District.

8. Each examiner shall prepare typewritten questions, in good form on books appointed him.

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THE JOURNAL

FIRST DAY.

Port Arthur, Texas, December 1, 1915.

The Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled for its thirteenth annual session, Wednesday, December 1, 1915 at 9:00 a. m., in the Chapel of the Port Arthur College, Port Arthur, Texas, Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield, presiding.

Hymn 560 was sung. The Bishop read from the Discipline the paragraph entitled, "Behavior at Conference," after which prayer was offered by the Bishop and the hymn 630 was sung. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, the District Superintendents, the resident Pastor and the General Secretary of the Temperance Society.

Conference Called to Order.

The Bishop called the Conference to order. The Secretary called the roll and twenty-nine answered "present."

Organization.

On motion of J. W. Hervey, J. R. Basket was re-elected secretary and appointed H. C. Leonard and R. R. Ellis as assistants.

Upon nomination of J. A. Carruth, L. E. Gower was elected stationer. He named three assistants: C. L. Elliott, F. M. Simpson, T. J. Shrode.

Upon nomination of T. J. Shrode, F. J. Ensign was elected Conference treasurer. He named these assistants: T. E. Webb, Guy W. Holmes.

Society of the Methodist Episcopal church who addressed the Conference.

E. N. Hardin was appointed Conference postmaster.

Bar of Conference.

Bar of conference was fixed to include the first four rows of chairs.

Upon motion of T. J. Shrode, the printed program was made the program of the Conference.

Question Fifteen: Who have been transferred?

Announcement of Transfers.

The Bishop announced the following transfers: G. C. Struebing to Southern Illinois Conference; T. F. Swanson to Southwest Kansas Conference; Peter Parker to Des Moines Conference.

Question Fourteen: Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes.

The names of the following District Superintendents were called

and character passed and each reported his district: Harry S. White, District Superintendent of the North Louisiana District; J. A. Carruth, District Superintendent of the Southern District; J. W. Hervey, District Superintendent of the Texas District, was called and character passed. By his request his report was made the order of the day at the next session, following the reading of the minutes.

The following elders of the North Louisiana District were called, character passed, and each reported his work: F. J. Ensign, R. G. Swanson, C. A. Perkins.

Greetings.

Upon motion the secretary was instructed to send greetings to R. L. Weldon, detained at his home because of his sickness.

Question Fourteen Resumed: The following effective Elders of the Southern District were called and their character passed and each reported his work: F. M. Simpson, G. B. Hines, L. E. Gower, W. R. Newton, F. W. Loy, E. D. Smith, T. E. Webb.

Introductions.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, General Secretary of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, addressed the Conference; also Rev. Earle of the Episcopal Church, Port Arthur; Rev. Parker, Beaumont, Texas; and Rev. Thomas of the local colored church; also Rev. Strawbridge of the New Mexico Mission.

Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction by Dr Clarence True Wilson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bishop W. P. Thirkield, Presiding.

Hymn No. 9. Prayer by L. E. Gower.

The Bishop ordered the secretary to call the roll and the Statistical Reports were handed in.

Committees.

On motion it was ordered that the Cabinet be requested to begin the nominations for the Committees for next year, the idea being to have reports in good shape for next year.

The following Committees were nominated by J. W. Hervey, secretary of the Cabinet:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—C. L. Elliott, L. E. Gower, R. R. Ellis.

EPISCOPAL FUND—The District Superintendents.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—G. B. Hines, T. J. Shrode, E. D. Smith.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS—Jas. R. Basket, H. C. Leonard. T. E. Webb.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS—H. K. Faulk, E. N. Hardin, W. R. Newton.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—Pastor and District Superintendents.

MEMORIALS—G. B. Hines, L. E. Gower, T. E. Webb.

RESOLUTIONS—F. W. Loy, F. M. Simpson, J. H. Beadle.

MEMOIRS—G. B. Hines, J. W. Lively, C. A. Perkins.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—G. W. Holmes, W. B. Hebert, R. G. Swanson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—W. T. Stokes, H. C. Leonard, H. K. Faulk.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—R. T. Pynes, R. T. Hodgson.

TEMPERANCE—N. L. Sayers, F. M. Simpson, W. I. Gates.

On motion of J. R. Basket, a committee on Memorials was ordered to be appointed by the Bishop. The following were appointed: L. E. Gower, G. B. Hines, T. E. Webb.

Adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, December 2, 1915.

Conference convened at 8:30 with the Bishop in the chair. Hymn 32 was sung and prayer was made by H. C. Leonard, after which the Bishop addressed the Conference on the subject of the "Preacher and the Hymnal."

Business Session.

The Journal of the First Day was read and approved.

Upon motion of F. W. Loy, the election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day, 11 o'clock Friday.

Order of the Day.

J. W. Hervey, District Superintendent of the Texas District, reported his work.

Question of Privilege: Under "Question of Privilege," C. L. Elliott spoke in terms of appreciation of the work of J. W. Hervey and in behalf of the members of the Texas District presented him with a purse of \$20.00.

Question 1. Is this conference incorporated. Answered: It is. Reporter.

On motion of E. D. Smith, G. B. Hines was appointed press reporter. Remainder of standing committees were nominated by J. W. Hervey, the Cabinet Secretary, and adopted.

Standing Committees for 1916.

J. W. Hervey named the Committees for 1916:

District Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: Southern District: J. A. Carruth, R. L. Weldon, J. W. Hervey, C. V. Palmer, H. S. Williams.

New Orleans District: F. W. Loy, H. K. Faulk, R. G. Swanson, George M. King.

Texas District: L. E. Gower, T. J. Shrode, Dr. J. W. Vogan, E. V. Chaney, F. M. Simpson.

District Epworth League Presidents: R. L. Weldon, R. T. Pynes, R. R. Ellis.

Conference Commission on Finance: T. J. Shrode, C. L. Elliott, Dr. T. F. Matthews, E. D. Chaney, J. R. Basket.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: G. B. Hines, Pastors at Welsh, Jennings and Crowley, the District Superintendents, Mrs. D. A. Kelley, G. B. Woolman, E. C. Willard, H. I. Logenbock, H. E. Buck, T. E. Webb.

Board of Foreign Missions: J. W. Hervey, H. S. White, J. A. Carruth, E. D. Smith, T. E. Webb, C. L. Elliott.

Board of Conference Stewards: J. R. Basket, L. E. Gower, G. B. Hines, J. A. Carruth, J. W. Hervey, R. T. Pynes, F. M. Simpson.

District Sunday School Superintendents: Dr. R. T. Fuller, C. V. Palmer, C. A. Perkins, T. E. Webb, C. L. Elliott, F. D. Walters.

Visitors to Fort Arthur College: T. E. Webb, F. M. Simpson, F. J. Ensign.

Triers of Appeals: R. L. Weldon, E. D. Smith, L. E. Gower, R. G. Swanson, F. W. Loy.

Board of Directors of Gulf Conference Incorporation: J. A. Carruth, G. B. Hines, G. B. Woolman, W. E. Cline, H. E. Buck, O. C. Stanton, J. D. Cline.

Question III. Who have been readmitted? Answer. None.

Question IV. Who have been received on credentials and from what Church? Answered. None.

Question V. Who have been received on trial? Answered. None.

Question VI. Who have been continued in trial? W. S. Franklin, character passed, and on motion he was continued on trial in studies of the First Year and left without appointment to attend school.

G. W. Holmes, character passed, and reported his work. On motion of his District Superintendent continued in studies of first year.

C. H. Monroe, character passed, and on motion of his District Superintendent was continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

Enzo Stasio, character passed, and reported his work. On motion he was advanced to the studies of the second year, conditioned on two studies.

C. C. Beasley, character passed, and reported his work. Continued in studies of the first year.

W. I. Gates, character passed, and reported his work and continued in studies of the first year.

Question VI Who have been continued in studies of the second year on trial.

J. B. Kenne, character passed and on motion of the District Superintendent left without appointment to attend school.

C. W. Rockhold, character was passed, and he was discontinued and on request his Elder orders were restored to him.

Question VI. (b) A. M. Winn, character was passed, and continued in studies of the second year and left without appointment to attend school.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Reynard T. Hodgson from the Des Moines Conference and motion prevailed that he be passed from the studies of the second year and advanced to the third year and ordained Deacon, and be admitted into full membership.

Question IX. What members are in the studies of the third year? Answered. None.

Motion.

Motion prevailed that B. T. Bell be granted a certificate stating his standing in the Conference.

Question X. What members are in the studies of the fourth year?

R. R. Ellis, character passed, and reported his work. On motion of District Superintendent he was passed from the studies of the fourth year and elected to Elder's orders.

J. D. Pointer, character passed, and continued in studies of the fourth year

Question XI. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

R. R. Ellis elected to Elder orders.

E. N. Harden, character passed, and elected to Elder orders.

Question XXIV. Who are the retired ministers?

The following were called, character passed and reported: J. W. Lively, N. L. Sayers, Julian Woodson. F. D. Van Valkenburg, character passed.

Question XVI. Who have died? Cyrus A. King.

Question XXIII. Who are the supernumary ministers?

Following called and character passed: N. H. Oliver, continued in third year. R. R. Smith, continued in third year.

Question XVII. Who have been located at their own request? Answered. None.

Question XVIII. Who have been located? Answered. None.

Announcements.

The Bishop announced the dividend from the Book Concern to amount to \$681.00.

The Bishop announced \$474.00 as the apportionment for the Episcopal Fund, and on motion it was referred to the District Superintendents for apportionment to districts.

Methodist Review.

E. N. Hardin was appointed agent of the Methodist Review.

Question XXXVI. Where shall the next Conference be held?

Two places were put in nomination, Lake Charles and DeRidder. DeRidder was chosen. Twelve for Lake Charles and thirteen for DeRidder. On motion DeRidder was made unanimous.

Question VII. Who have been discontinued? Answer. Delos H. Cassels at his own request.

Conference Minutes.

By motion of H. C. Leonard it prevailed that the Secretary be allowed ten minutes of the morning session to receive funds for the Journal.

On motion of J. A. Carruth \$43.20, the income of the permanent fund, was ordered to be turned over to the Conference Board of Stewards.

N. L. Sayers reported \$15.00 received for some property and the same was ordered to be placed on the Permanent Fund.

Conference adjourned by benediction by the bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, December 3, 1915.

Conference opened at 8:30 a. m. by the singing of Hymn No. 32. Prayer by F. M. Simpson. Bishop Thirkield gave an exposition of Phil. IV.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Question XIV. (Continued.) Roll of Special Appointees were called.

A. J. Price was called, character passed, and he reported the work and needs of the Port Arthur College.

Moved by J. W. Hervey, that the Church and Parsonage known as William's Chapel, San Antonio, and the Church and Parsonage at Austin be ordered sold and the sum of \$5,000.00 be turned over to the Port Arthur College. Motion prevailed.

On motion of F. W. Loy, a committee was appointed to see if there may be unused property within the bounds of the Conference that could be sold for the College. The three District Superintendents and A. J. Price were the committee appointed.

F. W. Loy made the following motion: That the Trustees of the

Gulf Conference be instructed to secure a loan sufficient to meet the present emergency now facing the Port Arthur College, this amount to be apportioned to the charges of the conference.

On motion of G. B. Hines action on the above motion was postponed to Saturday session.

On motion of F. W. Loy, the following committee was appointed to bring in a report concerning the above matter: A. J. Price, F. W. Loy and T. J. Shrode.

Question XIV Resumed. The following effective elders were called, character passed and reported: C. L. Elliott, G. L. Harper, R. T. Pynes, J. H. Beadle, W. T. Stokes, H. C. Leonard, J. R. Basket.

Under Special appointments these were called and character passed: H. K. Faulk, professor in Port Arthur College; W. H. Germany, student in Boston.

The Bishop addressed the class on admission into full membership on "The Preacher and His Message."

Order of the Day.

Election of delegates to the General Conference.

On motion of F. W. Loy a majority of the votes cast was made necessary for a choice for General Conference delegate.

F. M. Simpson and E. N. Hardin were appointed tellers.

Ballots were cast and secretaries and tellers retired.

On motion of T. J. Shrode the time was extended.

Introductions.

The following were introduced to the Conference: Dr. Claudius B. Spencer, editor of Central Christian Advocate; Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, General Secretary of Epworth League; Dr. Julius A. Mulfinger of the Board of Conference claimants; Rev. W. C. Bergman, of the Northwest German Conference.

Dr. Mulfinger brought greetings from Dr. Hingely and presented the Conference with a check of \$300.00 for Conference claimants.

Dr. Claudius B. Spencer addressed the Conference. The Secretary reported the following ballot: Total number of votes cast 26; necessary to choice, 14; J. R. Basket received 3; J. W. Hervey, 20; E. D. Smith, 2; F. W. Loy, 1. J. W. Hervey was declared elected.

Ballots were received for the reserve delegate and the secretaries and tellers retired.

Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan addressed the Conference.

On motion of J. W. Hervey the Journal fund was made the order of the day immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Secretaries returned and announced the following ballot: Votes cast, 26, as follows: J. A. Carruth, 14; E. D. Smith, 7; J. R. Basket, 2; G. B. Hines, 1; F. W. Loy, 2. J. A. Carruth was declared elected reserve delegate to the General Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. H. Crum.
J. W. Cockrell of the local Christian church was introduced.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, December 4, 1915.

Conference opened at 8:30 a m., with devotional services conducted by the Bishop. Hymn 431 was sung. Prayer was made by T. E. Webb. The bishop spoke on "The Preacher and the Word."

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Order of the Day—The Conference Journal Fund.

On motion of L. E. Gower the following was made a rule of the Conference: That for the Journal Fund the amount to be paid by each pastor and charge be fixed at one-half of 1 per cent of the pastor's salary, including house rent and missionary money, the District Superintendents to pay \$5.00 each; each member of the Conference holding official appointment to pay one-half of 1 per cent of his salary. The superannuates to be excused from paying.

The Secretary called the roll and the members of the Conference paid in \$65.37.

Report.

President A. J. Price reported for the Committee on Education. (See Report.)

By unanimous vote the Conference adopted the resolution that the Trustees be authorized to secure a loan up to \$10,000.00 for Port Arthur College.

On motion the appointment of the Trustees of the Conference was reconsidered.

On motion of G. B. Hines, the nomination of a new board of Trustees was referred to the Committee on Education.

Greetings:

Thru President A. J. Price greetings were sent by the members of the Conference and the laymen present to Mrs. John W. Gates.

On motion of H. S. White the Trustees were authorized to sell the unused property at Oakdale for \$450.

On motion of H. S. White the Trustees were authorized to use sufficient money secured from the sale of the church at Oakdale to pay the debt on the church at DeRidder.

On motion of H. S. White the Trustees were authorized to use sufficient money derived from the sale of the church at Oakdale to pay the debt on the church at Vivian, La.

Question 25. Who are the Triers of Appeal? R. L. Weldon, E. D. Smith, L. E. Gower, R. G. Swanson, F. W. Loy.

Resolution

A resolution presented by E. D. Smith, requesting the General Conference to make Port Arthur an Episcopal residence, was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Lay Electoral Conference.

On motion of J. W. Hervey the minutes and memorials of the Lay Electoral Conference were ordered to be printed in the Conference Journal.

On motion of H. S. White the Conference decided to hold a session on Monday morning.

Addresses.

Dr. Claudius B. Spencer addressed the Conference concerning the Central Christian Advocate.

Dr. J. A. Mulfinger presented the work of the Board of Conference Claimants.

Introduction.

J. W. Cockrl of the local Christian church was introduced.

Resolution.

On motion of F. W. Loy the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that we cordially invite the Board of Bishops to hold, at an early date, their semi-annual meeting in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana." F. W. Loy, Enzo Stasio.

Committee on Memorials.

Presented the memorials to the General Conference.

The Mississippi proposition was presented and recommended for adoption. The memorial was adopted by a vote of 21 for, 2 against.

The Colorado Amendment was presented and adopted by a vote of 20 for to 1 against.

The Secretary was ordered to send greetings to F. D. Van Valkenburgh.

The following, standing committees presented their reports which were adopted. (See reports.)

Book Concern, Resolutions, Temperance, Freedman's Aid, Bible Society, Foreign Missions.

Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. A collection was taken amounting to \$9.00 to cover deficit in the accounts.

Address.

Dr. Matthew J. Trenery presented the work of the Board of Sunday Schools.

The Secretary announced the preaching assignments for the Sunday services.

Committee on Memorials, on motion of H. S. White, was instructed to prepare a memorial concerning T. J. Jacks, a local preacher who died during the year.

Adjourned with benediction by Dr. Trenery.

FIFTH DAY

Ordination Service

Port Arthur, Texas, December 5, 1915.

The Bishop called the conference to order for the Ordination service at 2:30 o'clock.

The Secretary presented Reynard T. Hodgson, who had been elected to Deacon's Orders, to the Bishop for Ordination.

The Secretary called the following who had been called to Elder's Orders, and presented them to the Bishop for Ordination: Raymond R. Ellis and Edward N. Hardin.

These were ordained by the Bishop assisted by the following Elders: Jas. R. Basket, G. B. Hines, T. E. Webb, J. W. Hervey, J. A. Carruth, H. S. White.

Dr. Matthew J. Trenery, of the Board of Sunday Schools, delivered the address to the edification of all. He dealt with the "Preacher's Call and Message."

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Bishop Thirkield presided at the Memorial Service. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. N. Hardin.

Hymns appropriate to the occasion were sung and the Bishop read the Scripture lesson.

The Rev. C. A. Perkins read the Memoir of T. J. Jacks, a Local Elder who had died during the year.

Remarks were made by several of the Brethren who knew the deceased.

The Rev. G. B. Hines read the Memoir of Cyrus A. King, one of the organizers of the Gulf Mission an honored and useful man. Addresses were made by the following: Rev. J. W. Lively, Rev. Julian Woodson, Rev. N. L. Sayers, Rev. E. D. Smith, Rev. J. W. Hervey, Rev. J. A. Carruth and others.

Dr. A. J. Price moved that a vote of love and sympathy be made for the wife of the noble veteran. This was unanimously adopted. This was a touching service.

(See Memoirs.)

SIXTH DAY

Port Arthur, Texas, Monday, December 6, 1915.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 8:30 a. m. Hymn No. 654 was sung and L. E. Gower led in prayer.

Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Question 32 was called. What has been received on the Conference Claimants Fund, and how has it been applied? Total amount raised \$1,344.00. Paid out to Claimants.

Question 33. What is the five (5) per cent to be paid to Connectional Fund? \$19.00

Question 34. What amount has been apportioned to the Conference to be raised for support of Conference Claimants. \$600.

Question 31. What are the claims on the Conference if they were paid in full? \$2,300.00.

Other Business

F. W. Loy presented the report of the committee on Resolutions which was adopted. (See Report.)

The Secretaries were thanked for their services and a special appreciation was expressed to E. D. Smith for the trip to the docks on Saturday afternoon.

Resolutions presented by J. R. Basket concerning the Conference Claimants campaign were adopted. (See Report.)

A. J. Price, President of the College, reported for Board of Education, and the financing of Port Arthur College. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

The following were ratified as Trustees of the Corporate Conference: Bishop W. P. Thirkfield, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. D. A. Kelly (or D. A. Kelly) Lake Charles, La.; Harvey Marshall, Jennings, La.; Henry Walton, Elton, La.; J. A. Carruth, Lake Charles, La.; G. B. Hines, Lake Charles, La.; A. J. Price, Port Arthur, Texas.

E. N. Hardin reported for the Auditing Committee which was adopted. (See Report.)

The following reports were read and adopted: (See Reports.) Board Home Missions, and Church Extension, Sabbath Observance, Epworth League, Sunday Schools.

On motion of J. R. Basket the Journal and proceedings of the Conference, edited and published, were made the official record of the Conference.

On motion of G. B. Hines, J. W. Hervey was made custodian of the Conference documents, also official Secretary of the Conference with authority to edit and publish the Conference Journal.

On motion of F. W. Loy the Stewards were requested to take up an offering for the permanent fund of Conference Claimants at the annual Love Feast, optional with the committee as to how it is to be applied.

The secretary was authorized to edit the reports of the District Superintendents in co-operation with them.

J. W. Hervey, the secretary of the Cabinet, reported Missionary Appropriations, which were adopted. (See Report.)

The following motion by H. S. White prevailed: That President Price, with the District Superintendents be made a committee to arrange for a joint Ministerial Institute to be held at such time and place as may be advisable.

By motion the name of T. E. Webb was added to the Board of Home Missions.

The Bishop announced the transfer of H. S. White to the Oklahoma Conference and J. R. Basket to the West Virginia Conference.

Question 26 was called. What is the Annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. \$892.00.

Question 27. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? \$1,044.00.

On motion of T. J. Shrode it was ordered that after the approval of the minutes and the reading of the appointments the Conference adjourned sine die.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved, as was also the minutes of the whole session.

The Bishop addressed the Conference and read the appointments. Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

Official Certification.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is the official record of the Thirteenth Annual session of the Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. P. Thirkield, President,

Jas. R. Basket, Secretary,

J. W. Hervey, Editor and Publisher.

Certificate of Ordination

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on Sunday, December 5th, I ordained these persons Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Raymond R. Ellis and Edward N. Hardin; and that on Monday, Dec 6th. I ordained Reynard T. Hodgson a Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Done in Port Arthur, Texas, December 6, 1915.
(Signed)

W. P. THIRKIELD,
Bishop, Presiding.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline?

YES.

2. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?

Reynard T. Hodgson, Iowa Conference.

3. Who have been readmitted?

NONE.

5. Who have been received on trial?

NONE.

6. Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of first year.

Charles C. Beasley, William S. Franklin, William I. Gates,
Guy W. Holmes and Charles Monroe.

(b) In studies of second year.

James B. Kenna, Enzo Stasio and A. M. Wynne.

7. Who have been discontinued?

Delos H. Cassells and G. W. Rockhold.

8. Who have been admitted into full membership?

Reynard T. Hodgson.

9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

NONE.

10. What Members are in studies of Fourth Year?

James D. Pointer.

1. What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and ordained elders this year.

Raymond R. Ellis, Edward N. Hardin.

2. What others have been elected and Ordained Deacons?

NONE.

13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

NONE.

14. Was the character of each preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open conference as the name of each Brother was called.

15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?

Thomas F. Swanson, Southwest Kans.; G. C. Struebing, Southern Ill.; Peter Parker, Des Moines.

16. Who have Died? Cyrus A. King.

17. Who have been located at their own request.

NONE.

18. Who have been located?

NONE.

19. Who have withdrawn?
NONE.
20. Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints? W. C. Mann.
21. Who have been expelled?
NONE.
22. What other Personal notation should be made? NONE.
23. Who are the supernumerary ministers? and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?
N. H. Oliver, 3; Raleigh R. Smith, 3.
24. Who are the retired ministers?
James W. Lively, Napoleon L. Sayers, F. D. Van Valkenburg and Julian Woodson.
25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
Robert L. Weldon, Ernest D. Smith, Louis E. Gower, R. G. Swanson, F. W. Loy.
26. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension? \$892.
27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? \$1044.
28. What is the Statistical Report?
(See Statistician's Report.)
29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?
(See the Conference Treasurer's Report.)
30. What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the general Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$2,741.00.
31. What are the claims of the Conference Fund? \$2,300.
32. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? (See report of Conference Stewards.)
33. What is the Five Per Cent of the amount raised for the Support of the Conference Claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief? \$19.
34. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? \$600.
35. Where are the preachers stationed?
(See List of Appointments.)
36. Where shall the next Conference be held? De Ridder, La.

APPOINTMENTS.

New Orleans District

F. W. LOY, District Superintendent.

1537 Caliope St., New Orleans, La.

1 Auburn and Smithdale	R. G. Swanson
1 Gloster	R. G. Swanson
1 Hammond	T. J. Strawbridge
1 Litcher	H. K. Faulk
2 Loranger	W. C. Bergmann
2 New Orleans St. Charles Avenue Church	F. W. Loy
3 New Orleans First Italian Church	Enzo Stasio

Southern District.

5 J. A. CARRUTH, District Superintendent.

Lake Charles, La.

5 Bayou Chene	W. R. Newton
1 Basile	W. B. Niell
3 Crowley	R. L. Weldon
3 De Ridder	E. N. Hardin
2 De Quincy	F. J. Ensign
1 Dry Prong	M. A. Farr
2 Elton	R. R. Ellis
8 French Mission and Sweet Lake	W. B. Herbert
1 Florien and Neame	C. C. Beasley
1 Gueydan	L. B. Boicourt
4 Hico	Q. L. Bennett
1 Iowa	S. H. Yockey
2 Jennings	R. T. Hodgson
1 Kinder and Oakdale	T. E. Webb
1 Marthaville	C. C. Beasley
4 Lake Charles	G. B. Hines
3 Port Arthur	E. D. Smith and C. H. Monroe
Vivian	To be supplied
1 Welsh	J. W. Hervey
Winnfield	J. W. Lively

TEXAS DISTRICT

L. E. Grower, Dist. Supt., Houston, Texas.

2 Aldine	E. W. Osburn
2 Alvin	C. L. Elliott
1 Arcadia and Pearland	E. L. Jones

2 Atlanta, Jefferson and Overton -----	G. L. Harper
2 Deadwood and Bethel -----	R. T. Pynes
Houston:	
2 College Heights -----	T. M. Ransom
2 Houston Heights -----	T. J. Shrode
1 Hughes Springs and Winnsboro -----	W.T. Stokes
1 Lufkin Circuit -----	C. H. La Grone
1 Lyford -----	G. W. Holmes
2 Marshall -----	C. E. Woodson
1 Noonday and Harleton -----	J. H. Beadle
1 Ore City Circuit -----	H. L. Ellington
2 Polk Circuit -----	Charles Richardson
3 Rock Hill -----	R. T. Pynes
3 Sabine -----	C. A. Perkins
2 San Antonio—"Trinity" -----	H. C. Leonard
5 Shelbyville and Center -----	J. M. Kenna
1 South Houston -----	T. M. Ransom
1 Texas City -----	F. M. Simpson
3 Woodville Circuit -----	K. C. Minter

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

- 3 Arthur J. Price, President Port Arthur College.
 4 J. D. Pointer, Missionary to Africa.
 3 W. S. Franklin, J. B. Kenna, W. H. Germany and A. M. Wynne, left
 without appointments to attend some one of our schools.
 3 R. R. Smith and 3 N. H. Oliver, Supernumerary Ministers.
 J. W. Lively, Julian Woodson, F. D. Van Valkenburg and N. L.
 Sayers, our honored Veterans.



HOME MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

The District	\$ 75.
Auburn and Smithdale	150.
Hammond	100.
Loranger	100.
Gloster	100.
St. Charles Ave	400.
First Italian Mission	700.
TOTAL	\$1625.00

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The District	\$ 400.
Bayou Chene	240.
Basile	100.
Crowley	300.
De Ridder	300.
De Quincy	200.
Dry Prong	100.
Ebenezer	100.
Elton	100.
French Mission and Sweet Lake	300.
Florien and Neame	50.
Gueydan	100.
Hico	50.
Iowa	100.
Kinder and Oakdale	300.
Marthaville	100.
TOTAL	\$2840.00

TEXAS DISTRICT

The District	\$ 300.
Aldine	100.
Arcadia and Pearland	200.
Atlanta and Jefferson	150.
Deadwood and Bethel	75.
Hughes Springs and Winnsboro	200.
La Porte	200.
Lufkin Circuit	100.
Lyford	200.
Noonday and Harleton	200.
Ore City Circuit	60.
Rock Hill	200.
San Antonio	100.
Shelbyville and Center	125.
South Houston	50.
Texas City	100.
Woodville	150.
Sabine	200.
TOTAL	\$2710.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$7175.00

OUR DEAD.

"These all died in the Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on Earth."

WALTER ZIMMERMAN

IRA N. PARDEE

P. C. CHANEY

WILLIAM F. BOLTON

JOHN T. JAMES

H. G. BREED

EDGAR A. FERGUSON

THOMAS WILSON

CYRUS A. KING

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT GULF CONFERENCE.

H. S. WHITE, District Superintendent

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The year has been one of healthful progress in general and of marked growth in some parts of the District. Each charge has had regular pastoral care, though in some cases changes have been made.

We record with genuine sorrow the death of T. J. Jacks, one of our ordained local preachers and supply pastor of the Florien-Neame charge. His "triumphant promotion" came, after only a few days' of illness, on September 26. Brother C. A. Perkins devoted some fifteen days in special service and in pastoral visiting in closing up the year on this work.

By the transfer of T. F. Swanson to the Southwest Kansas Conference in March, the Auburn-Smithdale charge was vacated. The place has been very acceptably filled by H. A. Goering, who came to us from a very successful pastorate in the Indiana Conference.

The transfer of George C. Struebing to the Southern Illinois Conference left the Kinder charge vacant and the place has been supplied by H. S. Alkire of the Central Illinois Conference.

In addition to his services as Conference Evangelist, Delos Cassel has cared as best he could for the Gloster charge. An unusually busy year in evangelistic work has made it impossible for Brother Cassels to give the needed time to the charge. We have suffered no reverses, but have had no marked progress on the Gloster work.

De Ridder and De Quincy have each had very successful years. The work has been materially strengthened, the membership increased, and our standing in each of these communities has been put upon a much firmer basis. In each case the year has been the best in our history locally.

New church organizations have been added on both the Marthaville and Sabine charges. On the Marthaville work the new class at Cooks, near South Mansfield, is just building a creditable church. This organization, with its large and enthusiastic Sunday school, is a decided addition to our strength. The new church building on the Sabine circuit at Evergreen was dedicated on October 31 with all claims paid in full. A new organization at Vine School house is making definite plans to build, and the class at Lout's School house, or Dreka, is also planning to erect a new church immediately.

The Elton charge has had the best year in its history, and has developed so far that larger plans should be made for the care of our interests in that prosperous section.

Reporting in particular as Sunday School Missionary of the Gulf Conference, let me add that, in addition to having given as close and

careful direction to the Sunday school interests of the North Louisiana District as possible, I have devoted three months of the year to inspirational work and visitation on the charges of the other two districts. Twenty-five different places have been visited.

A visit to Pearland resulted in making the school there, which has in all its history been of the "union type," a well-organized Methodist school.

A new Sunday school at Loranger, Louisiana, on the Southern District, numbers 125, with a healthful church organization and a new building in process of erection. My plans to visit this school were thwarted by a second Gulf coast storm which swept New Orleans and that section of Louisiana. We have, however, aided this school by supplying literature and by giving such direction as we might.

A new school at Cookes, near South Mansfield, has also effected a church organization and is putting up a very creditable building.

Our Sunday school at Vines' school house on the Sabine circuit, in a large, prosperous and settled community, has now an organized church and a Building Committee is in the field.

The DeRidder Sunday school, which has an average attendance of very nearly a hundred, has now provided four additional rooms for its work and its departments are well organized.

The Houston Heights Sunday school has for months filled its building to capacity for effective Sunday school work. Almost wholly as a result of the activities of the Sunday School forces, and particularly of a Young Men's Bible Class, an entirely new building of ample proportions has been added to our working plant there.

The College Heights Sunday school of Houston, which struggled thru a very trying early experience and succeeded at last in providing itself a building, found this building blown from its foundation but otherwise not seriously injured by the August storm.

Despite the unprecedented handicaps of the year we have made a gain of 10 in the number of our Sunday School and more than 1000 in our total enrollment.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Gulf Conference.

Amount of permanent fund	\$540.30
Interest on permanent fund for one year	43.20

J. A. CARRUTH, President-Treasurer.

TEXAS DISTRICT

JAMES W. HERVEY, Superintendent.

Bishop and Brethren:

By God's great mercy we are assembled once again at our Jerusalem to mingle in Holy fellowship. The territory of the Texas

district is bounded by rivers, seas and one foreign country. There are sixteen Congressional districts in the State and this district touches and includes eleven of them.

Methodism with her applied Christianity has intrenched herself in Texas. The critical period has passed. The record of the past several years is inspirational and suggestive. Reduced to the mathematical standard of measurement we enroll a membership, including probationers of 3,000 souls. We close the year with a gain of 350. In addition thereto must be considered 1200 adherents whose sympathetic support makes possible a still greater future.

This membership is grouped into 22 pastoral charges, radiating into 65 preaching appointments. There are now 40 Sunday schools, a gain of 10 during the year; while the Gospel as a winged messenger has flown to four additional congregations.

Our pastors are in large part native to the soil and have grown up with the conditions which obtain. We have twenty-three local preachers and three exhorters who are associated as important factors in our work. Several of these are doing admirable work as pastors and from their ranks the Conference is drawing. Five new local preaches have been licensed this year.

There are now in the Texas District ten appointments where we need and will build churches just as rapidly as financial means will justify.

We have three new parsonages to report, valued at \$3,750.00. We have paid \$1,500.00 on debts and have expended about \$2,000.00 on improvements. We have two churches to report valued at \$2500.

The year has witnessed a marked progress in the deepening and the more firmly establishing of our organized work and also in the entering of several new doors of opportunity. Four new classes have been organized this year. Many of our people have the Macedonia spirit in their efforts to meet the demands of the work.

Eighty to ninety per cent of the salaries have been paid. Some charges paid in full. The benevolence were presented. We regret that deficits will be shown, but financial stringency of three year's duration is the cause.

Rev. H. S. White has been on nearly all the charges in the interests of the Sunday schools and much good is the result. We now have a Sunday school army of 2568, being a gain of 415 over last year. One hundred and fifty conversions are reported from the Sunday schools. There are eight Epworth League chapters doing splendid work among the young people.

About 350 souls have been admitted to our ranks as members this year. An approximation of 1500 professions of grace tell the story in part, of 1915. We believe the fruitage will justify the con-

fidence of the Church and we rejoice to know that Texas Methodism is a mighty factor in the development of a people whose faces are toward the morning light.

A beautiful bungalow parsonage has been erected at Lyford, valued at \$1,000.00. A fine new annex has been built to our Houston Heights church for Sunday school and social purposes. One of the best and most modern parsonages in the Conference has been completed at La Porte, Texas. The cost of this fine eight room house was \$1,500.00. In Atlanta a good parsonag of modern build valued at \$1,250.00 has been finished this year. An old church building has been purchased in Center by Brother Ellington, one of our laymen, and fitted up for services which will accommodate a large audience.

This has been an all-round year of blessing and progress. An advance in all congregations; the work better developed and sustained. Finances not up to the desired mark because of money stringency, but the present outlook increasingly encouraging.

This is our view-point vision. The year's toil has intensified it and it is here recorded. Results of the year achieved intensify my appreciation of the splendid co-laborers on this District. There is a comradry and warmth of heart in fellowship, as we touch elbows in the conflict, that makes us of closest kin. My associates are influential for good because they desire to be. To be useful to men and dear to God is a cherished thought with them. Early and late, when they wake, and when they go to sleep, God's service is on their minds and in their hearts.

The year past has been full of care, but no known duty has been neglected. As we have labored, we have been cheered and comforted by the vision of a future for this South-land, resplendent with the glory of Him whose power alone can bring emancipation for mind and heart.

The brotherhood of hearts now co-operating here has power to rest the weary and give each other strength to go on to renewed victory.

We have passed the gray dawn—the initial point of our work and Texas Methodism is ascending annually nearer the goal of final conquest. 1915 is eneded and its record rests with God. Let Dr. Van Dyke's "Psalm of the Helpers" cheer us as we now enter the new year. The ways of the world are full of haste and turmoil;

I will sing of the tribe of helpers who travel in peace"—
"He that turneth from the road to rescue another,

Turneth toward his goal:

He shall arrive in due time by the foot-path of mercy,

God will be his guide;

He that taketh up the burden of the fainting,

Lighteneth his own load;
The Almighty will put his arms underneath him.
He shall lean upon the Lord.
He that speaketh comfortable words to mourners,
Healeth his own heart;
In his time of grief they will return to remembrance,
God will use them for balm.
He that careth for the sick and wounded,
Watcheth not alone;
There are three in the darkness together,
And the third is the Lord.
Blessed is the way of the helpers;
The companions of the Christ."

Sincerely yours in service,

JAS. W. HERVEY, Superintendent.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

J. A. Carruth, District Superintendent

Bishop Thirkield, and Brethren of the Conference:

We are here today as an evidence of the goodness and mercy of God. We rejoice that we are again privileged to meet in annual session to give account of our stewardship, to take each other by the hand, tell of our victories, and to share one another's joys, as well as sorrows. We came with grateful hearts as an offering unto God, for His many benefits and blessings.

We rejoice that God has kept us in peace as a Nation. While the storm of war has been raging over the greater part of the civilized world, leaving wreck and devastation, murdering men, and crushing the hearts of mothers, of wives, and of little children, we have enjoyed peace and prosperity. Our hearts are bowed in grief at the awful slaughter of our fellows, and in some cases, our kinsmen, but we also bow in humble gratitude to God, for saving us from the dark mantle of war. We have prayed, and shall continue to pray, for our Chief Executive, and his advisers, in this critical time of our National life.

We, too, come up from the battlefield. Not of an earthly King, but of King Immanuel. Not from wielding the sword or carnal warfare, but of the Spirit. Not from tearing down, and devastating, but from building up. Not from scattering abroad, but from binding together. Christ, our captain, has led the way. Hence, victory.

The Southern District is composed of sixteen pastoral charges one of which was added this year. These are being served by fourteen pastors. We have twenty-eight preaching places, nineteen church

buildings occupied, and three unoccupied. Eleven parsonages, two places where the pastors are furnished with houses without cost, and one where the pastor lives in his own house. The present value of our church and parsonage property, is approximately \$118,201.00, which is an increase for the year of \$22,000.00. We have approximately fifteen hundred members, twenty-five Sunday schools, and nine Epworth Leagues.

We have visited all the charges, at least four times during the year, and some as many as seven times. We have looked after all the interests of the church as best we could, have assisted in revival meetings, and have always endeavored to encourage the pastors and people.

A spirit of brotherliness has prevailed throughout the year, and we have had the kindly cooperation of the pastors, and all the laymen. The year's work has been pleasant; the most pleasant of either of my four years, of district work.

I would like to mention each pastor, and charge individually, but it would be almost an endless chain, there is so much to be said. Our pastors have been true to the trust committed unto them, and have had the respect, and for the most part the cooperation of their people.

We note with pleasure the progress of our great church, as indicated by the reports of the various Boards, and of the announcement of a net gain in membership, in the last quadrennium of 506,920. When we think of this great company of 4,033,123 Methodists we are encouraged to know that we are a part of this number.

For our further encouragement, I give here a few facts concerning our own, (The Gulf) Conference. Twelve years ago we met in this city, and with this church, but not in this building. At that time we had 2,367, full members. At the close of last year, we had 6,004. We then had 41 Sunday schools, with a total enrollment of 2,047. We now have 87 schools with an enrollment of 6,944. We then had 38 churches valued at \$95,275. We now have 85 churches valued at \$222,087. We then had 10 parsonages, valued at \$10,000. We now have 29 parsonages valued at \$41,201. We then had 42 pastoral charges, we now have 52. We then paid to pastors, including house rent, \$10,175. We paid last year \$26,952.

Because of the ill health of his family, Rev. W. S. Franklin, who was assigned to Ebenezer at last Conference, was compelled to go to a higher altitude. For a time Bro. Weldon, our pastor at Crowley, looked after the work. We finally secured one of our local preachers, Bro. W. V. Niell, who supplied the work for the remainder of the year. Bro. Niell has done well, and is loved by all the people.

In September, Rev. Peter Parker, who was stationed at Jennings, was transferred to the Des Moines Conference, and Rev. R. T. Hodgson was transferred from the same Conference to take his place.

Bro. Hodgson closes up a good year at Jennings, and the people are unanimous in their request for his return.

Our Departed.

On February 12th Rev. Cyrus A. King was called to his Heavenly home. Bro. King was one of our honored Veteran Ministers. He entered the ministry in Maine in 1859, went to Nebraska in 1871, then to Kansas, and in 1890, he came to Louisiana and located at Lake Charles, and then at other points over this section. Nor did this interest wane; but continued keen to the day of his departure. To know Bro. King, was to love him. And although he has departed, he will ever live in our memories.

Sunday Schools.

To quote another "Sunday school work, is the greatest in the world." With this I am heartily agreed. And I love to think of it as a business. In fact I love to think of the ministry, and all lines of church work as a business. Our Sunday schools are better organized, and I think doing better work than ever before. However, we are not yet perfect. There is still much to be done.

We have been greatly favored this year, not only by having a Sunday School Missionary of our own, on the field, furnished by the Sunday School Board, but by the visit of Dr. Matthew J. Trenery, Extension Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, who together with Bro. White, conducted a series of Sunday School Institutes that greatly enthused our people.

Epworth League.

Next to the Sunday School, I think the Epworth League furnishes the greatest field, for activity, and fruitfulness. We have several Leagues that are doing good work, but I fear we are not as active and interested as we should be. We are planning for a convention of our young people early in the year, that we feel sure will result in increased activity.

Port Arthur College.

I think it is safe to say that there is a greater increase in education among our people, than ever before. I think it is also true that there is a greater interest in Port Arthur College than ever before. Through the efficient leadership of President Arthur J. Price, and the deep interest and untiring efforts of the Board of Education, our people are coming to believe in the possibilities of Port Arthur College. Dr. John W. Hancher, one of the Secretaries of the Board of Education, came to us several times during the year in the interest of this Institution. He did not just drop in to pay us a visit and then pass on, but remained several days at a time, working almost day and night.

This, in my judgment, has done more, in the first place, to strengthen our work in this country, and to hearten us in the work.

than anything that has come to us in a long while. In the second place, by his efforts, and that of his helpers, the generosity of the people, and the generous offer of the Board of Education, we have in sight about all but seven thousand dollars of the fifty thousand necessary to secure the Port Arthur College. Last session closed out the best of any since we have had charge of the institution, and this year begins full of promises. The call to our preachers and laymen of the Conference is, to get under, and lift. President Price is doing all he can to make the institution a success. Let us help him.

Our Literature.

The most of our people take one or more of our Church papers.. The Sunday schools are all supplied with our own literature, and the most, if not all the Epworth Leagues are supplied with the Epworth Herald. We encourage the people everywhere to buy of our own publishing house.

New Work and Buildings.

We have built two new parsonages this year, one at Welsh at a cost of approximately \$2500 which is as nice as any in the conference. Modern in every respect. The other we built at Ebenezer at a cost of about \$500. The people are now planning to enlarge it, and when done, it will be as nice a little home as any of our pastors have.

We have two churches in process of construction. One at Port Arthur, which is to cost approximately \$30,000.00. It is modern in every respect, and when completed will be the nicest plant in the Gulf Conference. This is made possible by the generosity of Mrs. John W. Gates, the self denial of our membership, and the untiring efforts of our pastor, the Rev. Ernest Dailey Smith.

We had hoped to have this church ready for dedication and entertainment of this Conference, but because of the storm that deluged our city for several days doing much damage to property, and causing much suffering, we were unable to do so.

The other church under way is at Loranger. This is a new work in the extreme Eastern part of the State of Louisiana. The work was organized in part in the latter part of February, but was not completed until May. We now have a church membership of eighty-one, Sunday school enrollment of a hundred and twenty, an Epworth League of forty. We have a fine class of people here who know how to do things. Rev. W. C. Bergmann, of the Northwest German Conference, is in charge.

The church is a frame building of the modern type. Built around the Sunday School idea, and when completed will be the nicest country plant we have. We had hoped to have this church ready for dedication before Conference, but were set back by the storm that struck that part of the country. The church when completed will be worth,

approximately \$5000. The Loranger Brothers, who are the promoters of the colony, gave us the lots, the lumber; worth something like \$25,00.00.

Special Meetings.

Evangelistic services have been conducted in most of our churches, resulting in the conversion of some, the experience of perfect love by others, and the giving of new hope to our members.

Our Opportunity.

Our opportunity was never greater. The French population of our section is the most promising field we have. They are ready for the message of the Master. We should at this time place four or five additional missionaries in the bounds of the Southern district.

Our Call.

Our call in the first place is to prayer, an exercise of brotherly love, and patience. And second: to holyliving, and the proclamation of a full gospel. By this I mean the truth of guilt, the forgiveness of sin, the conversion of the soul, and the sanctification of the heart.

To this blessed cause, and work of saving men and women, boys and girls, we here, and now, re-dedicate our lives to God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. CARRUTH.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

With the fell hand of war striking down the resources of other Christian countries that help in the spread of the Gospel in other lands, all eyes are turned to our land and hands are stretched out appealing for aid to the organized forces of Christianity to support them there in this time of stress and trial.

Among the various benevolent forces there is none greater than the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church. We rejoice to note that in the report for the past year our church has contributed to such a degree so that an advance could be reported.

We do earnestly commend the efforts of the Board to send financial help to the stricken lands by raising over \$100,000 in a special war relief fund; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, as members of the Gulf Annual Conference, pray for the Missionaries and redouble our efforts to respond to claims of the Board and take heed to their appeals.

C. L. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

R. E. GOWER,

R. R. ELLIS.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your committee, have examined the records of the Conference Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and find them to be correct. All money received has been accounted for.

The records of the Secretary of the Conference have been audited and found correct.

E. N. HARDIN,
H. T. FAULK.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy," is just as binding upon humanity today as it was when God inscribed it upon stone and gave it to Moses.

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency, which soon becomes a habit, to neglect the due observance of this day among the people.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, as a conference, go on record as opposed to, and to preach against such practices as Sunday excursions, attending places of amusement upon the Lord's Day, the doing of unnecessary labor, and the reading of such literature which does not tend to our spiritual uplift.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY W. HOLMES,
R. G. SWANSON,
W. B. HEBERT,

Committee.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Reporting for the Board of Sunday Schools, we record our gratitude in the continued splendid progress of the Sunday School Work of our church. In numbers it is going forward by the thousands and its efficiency in service is increasing in like proportion.

The essential honor given to our publication by the Panama Exposition as ranking the very highest, most complete and most thorough in the Sunday School World is in keeping with the general merit of the work along all lines.

We again record our gratitude to the General Board at Chicago for the splendid service rendered us by Dr. M. J. Trenery, Supt. of the Extension Department, in a series of inspirational Institutes covering a large part of our territory during the year. His presence at our annual session and his stirring addresses have been among the out-

standing events of the session. The board has further given its generous support in providing our Sunday School Missionary, the Rev. Harry S. White, who closes a third year of very helpful service.

We express our gratitude to God for the Providence which has placed the labor in our Conference Field with a splendid increasing in the number of schools and enrollment.

W. P. STOKES, Chairman.
H. C. LEONARD,
HAUGHTON K. FAULK.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

We view with profound satisfaction the onward and upward march of our great church. The people are hungry for the Gospel and the teachings of our Lord are taking their proper place as the moral standard of the world. We are on the upgrade, the evidence of deep spiritual awakenings are on every hand, for which we praise God.

(Signed.)

R. T. HODGSON,
R. T. PYNES.

TEMPERANCE.

Concerning the subject of Temperance, with the great amount of material at hand that represents the evils of intemperance and the many reasons why Temperance should dominate our land, it is hard not to make a report of this nature too voluminous. However, we may set forth some reasons why this Gulf Conference should put itself squarely on the side of National Prohibition.

Individual prohibition has been tried and failed. Community, County and State prohibition all have been tried; and while they have accomplished, in a measure, some bettering of the situation, yet the evil if intemperance still remains and we believe the only solution of the problem is a Nation-Wide Prohibition of the manufacture, importation, sale, or giving away of any kind of intoxicating liquors; and we hereby, as individuals and as a Conference, pledge our best endeavor to bring this about.

We fully endorse the sentiments expressed by Rev. Clarence True Wilson, Secretary of our Church Temperance Society, and we recommend his book, "Dry or Die," to the careful perusal of all

N. L. SAYERS, Chairman.
W. I. GATES,
F. M. SIMPSON.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible is of divine origin—the Books—God's "love letter" to His children. In it he tells us what will please Him, and through it we are inspired to love Him.

"It is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path."

The people neglect It, though It is the only map that shows the way to the City of God.

The American Bible Society is one of the greatest and most essential means to the end of accomplishing the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we, therefore urge our preachers and people to give it their heartiest support.

W. I. GATES, Chairman,
J. H. BEADLE, Secretary.

BOOK CONCERN

We gladly recognize the growing success of the Methodist Book Concern.

We appreciate the value of our excellent books and periodicals, and urge our pastors to encourage the sale and circulation of the same.

We commend the Central Christian Advocate to the favorable consideration of our people.

F. W. LOY,
H. C. LEONARD,
C. A. PERKINS.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENTION

The Gulf Conference regards the Board of Home Missions and Church Extention as one of its most important Boards.

We note with pleasure that, notwithstanding these times of financial unrest, occasioned by the most horrible war in the world's history, this Board of our great Church is standing nobly our work here.

Our conference has, before it, a large and needy field with an ever increasing area, and we earnestly request the Board of Home Missions and Church Extention for its continued interest and benevolence, and also take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the help they have given us during our recent affliction caused by the devastating influences of the elements.

We heartily pledge this great Board our support.

G. B. HINES,
F. W. LOY,
E. N. HARDIN.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. The cooperation of our Board of Education with our schools in standardizing curricula, faculties, plants, equipment and endowment has been eminently helpful.

2. Its action at its recent annual meeting authorizing a Director of Religious Work for our institutions of learning is especially commendable.

3. Its thorough and far-reaching "Survey" of educational conditions throughout the country now in progress, promises much for the Board's coming semi-centennial forward movement.

4. The Children's Day Collection, which has aided from the beginning 22,984 students—2,189 last year, and this year 2,288—continues increasingly helpful and efficient.

5. We commend and approve the apportionment by the General Conference Commission on Finance of the One Public Educational Collection authorized by the Discipline, 80 per cent current expenses of Port Arthur College and 20 per cent for the Board of Education.

6. "The Christian Student," the Board's official organ, improves constantly and should be read widely. It is receiving most flattering recognition without our own denomination as well as at home.

(Signed.)

E. D. SMITH,
A. J. PRICE,
T. E. WEBB.

FREEDMAN'S AID.

The colored man, by his achievement, has proven himself capable of great possibilities. Having improved the opportunities allowed him, he has come to take his rightful place in the world as a man capable of leading his race to its proper standard.

With their twenty-two schools and colleges made possible by the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, they are solving the educational problems of their race.

In order that he may best accomplish this, we pledge ourselves to do our utmost to raise the amount apportioned us for this purpose.

R. T. PYNES,
R. G. SWANSON.

EPWORTH LEAGUE COMMITTEE

From the beginning the Methodist Episcopal Church has stood for the highest type of intellectuality and culture, the most effective

evangelism, and the strongest possible Christian character.

Believing the Epworth League to be one of the most mighty forces in our church for the building of these qualities into our young people, thereby preparing them, not only for righteous living but for efficient service in the church also.

We most earnestly urge every pastor to organize and maintain an Epworth League in every charge.

We commend Epworth Herald to every Epworthian—it is your most helpful paper.

L. E. GOWER.

R. T. HODGSON.



PORT ARTHUR COLLEGE

We pledge ourselves with new loyalty and fresh zeal to Port Arthur College.

During the conference we have visited its classes, observed its teachers and their work, and have seen the progress manifested by its students. Its work is beyond our expectation. The thoroughness and practicability of the courses, as well as the completeness and modernness of the equipment are especially noteworthy.

We rejoice that, financially, blue skies are at last above the school. We hereby express our gratitude to Bishop Thirkield, the Board of Education, and especially Drs. Nicholson and Hancher, for their untiring loyalty and wise counsel that makes possible this day. Likewise do we rejoice greatly in the splendid spirit of the newly-elected Trustees of the Incorporate Conference in coming personally, if need shall be, to our aid in providing the unraised balance on the Forward Movement Fund.

We recognize their obligation as a debt of honor against us severally and jointly, and, in consideration of our common loyalty to the interests of the church, we hereby pledge our honor as ministers of the gospel and members of the Gulf Conference that, until our obligation to these trustees is met in full, we will do our utmost to raise each year among our constituency, in addition to other benevolences, an average amount equal to at least 10 per cent of our salary, including house rent, and remit the same as soon as possible to Mrs. D. A. Kelly, Lake Charles, La.

We rejoice greatly also in the splendid spirit of the members of Lay Electoral Conference in unanimously endorsing this movement to fulfill our obligation to the College. We thank them with all our hearts.

We hereby ratify the election of the following as Trustees of Port Arthur College, term to expire in 1918:

R. L. Drake, Port Arthur, Texas.

R. C. Holmes, Houston, Texas.

F. L. Sheeks, Beaumont, Texas.

E. C. Willard, Welsh, La.

H. E. Buck, Lake Charles, La.

W. N. McReynolds, Port Arthur, Texas.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Receipts for Annuity Fund

Book Concern Dividend	\$631
Chartered Fund Dividend	\$630
Part of Support of Conference Claimants Determined by the Conference	889
Income on Conference Annuity Investments	43
Total amount for Distribution	\$763
Annuity, Legal Rate	\$11.
Annuity, actually paid	7.

Receipts for Necessitous Fund

Connectional Relief Dividend of the Board

Conference Claimants	\$300
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Part of the Support Conference Claimants

Determined by Conference	\$281
Total amount for Necessitous Distribution	\$581
Grand total for Distribution	\$1344

After careful consideration of these claims the Board of Stewards made the following Distribution:

Lively, J. W. Annuity	\$105	Necessitous	\$ 92	Total	\$197
Sayers, N. L. Annuity	119	Necessitous	61	Total	180
Van Valkenburg, F. D. "	84	Necessitous	88	Total	172
Woodson Julian Annuity	77	Necessitous	164	Total	241
Chaney, Mrs. P. C.	77	Necessitous		Total	77
Ferguson, Mrs. E. A.	14	Necessitous	86	Total	100
James, Mrs. J. T.	70	Necessitous	90	Total	160
King, Mrs. C. A.	168	Necessitous		Total	168
Ferguson Children	21	Necessitous		Total	21
Bolton Children	28	Necessitous		Total	28
Grand Total	\$763		\$581		\$1,344

MEMOIRS

No member of the Gulf Conference who has gone from us, will be more deeply missed, than Dr. C. A. King. He had been a regular attendant upon its sessions since its organization and took an active interest in every effort which was made to build up the conference. Somehow the members of the conference always felt that no measure would be indorsed which would not be for the best interest of the church, when Doctor King was present. He watched the growth and development of the conference as a father would look after the welfare of his own child.

For more than half a century Dr. King was an active minister of the gospel in the service of the Methodist Episcopal church. He entered the ministry in Maine, at the age of twenty-three years. Augusta and Bath were among his appointments. In 1871 he was transferred from Maine to Nebraska, and stationed in Omaha. He was then transferred to the Old South Kansas Conference and stationed at Parsons. Dr. King also served pastorates at Hutchinson and Newton and as presiding elder of the Wichita and Newton districts, Southwest Kansas Conference. He moved from Kansas and settled in Louisiana, at Lake Charles in 1890, and was appointed by Bishop Vincent as pastor. Dr. King arrived on the field the last week in February, and immediately began his labors which did not cease until within a short time before his death. He was superintendent of the Gulf Mission and was presiding elder after the Mission was changed to the Gulf Conference. He was a builder and a pioneer who liked to work where others could see no harvest or had not the courage to plunge into the battle. He was a leader among those who organized campaigns against the liquor traffic in three states, Maine, Kansas and Southwest Louisiana. In the fields in which he labored as a gospel minister the churches prospered both spiritually and materially. Many conversions were recorded as the result of his faithful ministry. He was an excellent pastor and his visits in the homes of the people left a benediction behind him which even the children did not soon forget.

At the time of Dr. King's death he was an honored retired minister in the Gulf Conference. His advice up to the time when his last message reached the conference, was received with the profoundest respect and consideration. We miss his presence and his brotherly hand grasp and genial smile, but no one has the slightest doubt where to find him and some day perhaps sooner than we think, we will join him in his last appointment in that city which hath foundations and whose builder and maker is God.

G. B. HINES.

CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

Gulf Mission

Year.	Time	PLACE	Bishop	Secretary.
1893.	Jan. 19.	Jennings, La.,	E. C. Andrews.	C. K. Woodson.
1894.	Jan. 25.	Lake Charles, La.,	J. M. Walden.	C. K. Woodson.
1895.	Jan. 24.	Crowley, La.	Thomas Bowman	C. K. Woodson.
1896.	Jan. 23.	Jennings, La.	J. N. Fitzgeralds.	C. K. Woodson.

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1897.	Jan 21.	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden.	C. K. Woodson
1898.	Feb. 3.	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde,	C. K. Woodson.
1899.	Feb. 2.	Lake Charles, La.	S. M. Merrill,	C. K. Woodson.
1900.	Feb. 1.	Marshall Tex.	I. W. Joice.	L. W. Elkins.
1901.	Jan. 17	Jennings, La.	H. W. Warren	C. W. Campbell.
1902.	Jan. 30	Lake Charles, La.	C. D. Foss	C. W. Campbell.
1903.	Feb. 3	Port Arthur, Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu	C. C. Morris.

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1904.	Feb. 4.	Hughes Springs, Tex	W. F. Mallalieu.	John Paul.
1905.	Feb. 2.	Gloster, Miss.	H. Spellmeyer,	F. F. Fitch
1905.	Dec. 1.	Welsh, La.	L. B. Wilson	W. E. Harrison.
1906.	Nov 15	Marshall, Texas.	L. B. Wilson	J. R. Basket.
1907.	Dec. 16	Jennings, La.	William Burt.	J. R. Basket.
1908.	Dec. 17.	Lake Charles, La.	W. A. Quayle.	J. R. Basket.
1909.	Dec. 16.	Port Arthur, Tex.	T. B. Neely	J. R. Basket.
1910.	Dec. 15.	Welsh, La.	T. B. Neely.	H. H. McCain.
1911.	Dec. 13.	Marshall, Tex.	T. B. Neely.	H. H. McCain
1912.	Dec. 19.	Port Arthur, Tex.	W. P. Thirkield.	H. H. McCain.
1913.	Dec. 4	Woodville, Tex.	W. P. Thirkield.	H. H. McCain.
1914.	Dec. 2.	Jennings, La.	W. P. Thirkield	J. R. Basket.
1915.	Dec. 1.	Port Arthur, Tex.	W. P. Thirkield.	J. R. Basket.



CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

Note—Figures on left indicate the year of admission into the Traveling Connection. The names in black face type are undergraduates.

YEAR	NAME	NATIVITY	ADDRESS
1902	Basket, J. R.	Tenn.	Transferred to W. Va.
1910	Beadle, J. H.	La.	Harleton, Texas
1904	Carruth, J. A.	Miss.	Lake Charles, La.
1903	Elliott, C. L.	Ceylon.	Alvin, Texas
1911	Ellis, R. R.	Indiana	Elton, La.
1910	Ensign, F. J.	Wisconsin	De Quincy, La.
1910	Faulk, H. K.	La.	Lutcher, La.
1907	Germany, W. H.	Miss.	Boston, Mass.
1891	Gower, L. E.	Ill.	Houston, Tex.
1911	Harper, G. L.	Miss.	Atlanta, Texas
1911	Hardin, E. N.	Ky.	De Ridder, La.
1903	Hervey, J. W.	Texas	Welsh, La.
1900	Hines, G. B.	Texas	Lake Charles, La.
	Hodgson, R. T.	Iowa	Jennings, La.
1898	Lively, J. W.	Arkansas	Marshall, Texas
1902	Leonard, H. C.	Ohio	San Antonio, Texas
1880	Loy, F. W.	Ill.	New Orleans, La.
1911	Newton, W. R.	Ill.	Bayou Chene, La.
1891	Oliver, N. H.	Penn.	Glennmora, La.
1912	Perkins, C. A.	Texas	Patroon, Texas
1911	Pointer, J. D.	Alabama	Inhambane, E. Africa
1903	Price, A. J.	Mich.	Port Arthur, Texas
1907	Pynes, R. T.	Alabama	Beckville, Texas
1898	Sayers, N. L.	Penn.	St. Martinville, La.
1892	Shrode, T. J.	Indiana	Houston, Texas
1908	Simpson, F. M.	Miss.	Texas City, Texas
1908	Smith, R. R.	Texas	Woodville, Texas
1895	Smith, E. D.	Indiana	Port Arthur, Texas
1890	Stokes, W. T.	Ala.	Hughes Springs, Texas
1911	Swanson, R. G.	Texas	Summit, Miss.
1900	Van Valkeburg, F. D.	New York	Biloxi, Miss.
1904	Webb, T. E.	Tenn.	Kinder, La.
1905	Weldon, R. L.	La.	Crowley, La.
1898	Woodson, Julian	Tenn.	Marshall, Texas

PROBATIONERS—SECOND YEAR

1910	Kenna, J. B.	Miss.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1912	Wynne, A. M.	La.	Attending School
1914	Stasio, Enzo	Italy	New Orleans La.

FIRST YEAR

1911	Beasley, C. C.	Miss.	Marthaville, La.
1914	Franklin, W. S.	Texas	Attending School
1912	Gates, W. I.	Ill.	La Porte, Texas
1914	Holmes, G. W.	Penn.	Lyford, Texas
1914	Monroe, C. H.	India	Port Arthur, Texas

LOCAL PREACHERS

Texas District

Ackerman, O. J.	Alvin, Texas
Black, J. M.	Hallville, Texas
Bond, W. P.	Lufkin, Texas
Campbell, J. T.	Choice, Texas
Denning, J. F.	Troupe, Texas
Ellington, H. L.	Ore City, Texas
Edge, Paul W.	Overton, Texas
Hall, J. C.	Hughes Springs, Texas
Hill, Z. M.	Lufkin, Texas
Jones, E. L.	Arcadia, Texas
Jones, H. E.	Harleton, Texas
Kenna, J. M.	Shelbyville, Texas
La Grone, C. H.	Deadwood, Texas
Matthews, S. H.	Neuville, Texas
McKee, Andrew	Henderson, Texas
Lawhorn, A. L.	Daingerfield, Texas
McCulley, S. E.	Arcadia, Texas
Minter, K. C.	Woodville, Texas
Petty, S. F.	Harleton, Texas
Ritchie, E. T.	Como, Texas
Richardson, Charles	Woodville, Texas
Ellis, W. H.	Neuville, Texas
Fletcher, Thomas	Carthage, Texas

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Carruth S. E.	Auburn, Miss.
Cutlip, J. C.	Hammond, La.
Dona, A.	New Orleans, La.
Germany, C. B.	Brookhaven, Miss.
McGee, Flowers	Smithdale, Miss
Miceli, A.	New Orleans, La.
Orcut, J. C.	New Orleans, La.
Picana, L.	New Orleans, La.
Roberts, Wm.	Summit, Miss
Williams, Robert	Summit, Miss.
Wood, H. A.	Auburn, Miss.
Weisz, Ezra	New Orleans, La.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Bemont, William	Kinder, La.
Bennett, Q. L.	Hico, La
Barnett, J. R.	Mansfield, La.

Boicourt, L. B. -----	Gueydan, La.
Boggs, J. E. -----	Goldonna, La.
Bolton, G. W. -----	Provencal, La.
Bruce, G. W. -----	Provencal, La.
De Lord, Oscar -----	Bayou Chene, La.
Farr, M. A. -----	Flora, La.
Faulk, Earl, -----	Crowley, La.
Faulk, Henry -----	Ebenezer, La.
Foster, A. S. -----	Greensburg, La.
Golden, Wm. -----	Greensburg, La.
Herbert, W. B. -----	Sweet Lake, La.
Hoag, M. A. -----	Jennings, La.
Malone, N. -----	De Ridder, La.
Matirne, J. A. -----	Rosedale, La.
Nelson, S. B. -----	Shamrock, La.
Parsons, J. T. -----	Flora, La.
Pointer, J. W. -----	Quitman, La.
Richardson, W. B. -----	Colfax, La.
Savioe, E. L. -----	Crowley, La.
Sarver, Ezra -----	Crowley, La.
Stevens, J. O. -----	Natchitoches, La.
Williams, W. P. -----	Elton, La.



RESOLUTIONS.

TITHING

WHEREAS, We believe that the Word of God, the Old Testament plainly teaches that one-tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching, that would indicate a less amount, and

WHEREAS, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as Scriptural—paragraph 70—and

WHEREAS, The pressing needs of our Church, here and elsewhere, are such as we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our financial plan of systematic giving.

That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges, until all such obligations have been fully met,

That we will begin a campaign on the tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our churches.

HOLINESS.

Introduced by James R. Basket.

WHEREAS, Our Discipline says: "In 1792 two young men in England, reading the Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and invited others to do so. In 1737 they saw likewise, that men are justified before they are Sanctified," and,

WHEREAS, All our books on doctrine in our course of study for young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire Sanctification clearly and emphatically; and

WHEREAS, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now that has put forward as its very element thought the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holiness of the human heart, soul, mind and will;" and,

WHEREAS, Our Church has always been loyal to this grand Depositum of Methodism. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the members of the Gulf Conference in Session at Port Arthur, that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness and in her attitude towards those seeking the Higher Life, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we invite the cooperation of all those who love the church and hold this Truth in Wisdom and Love to unite with us in "Spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands."

RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FOR 1916.

WHEREAS, Most of the Conferences of our great connection are still engaged in an intensive campaign in the interest of increasing the amount of invested funds for the support of Conference Claimants, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Conference at its last Annual Session unanimously voted to enter into this campaign and promised to endeavor to raise an amount equal to one dollar per member in the pastoral charges during the past year, and,

WHEREAS, it seemed impossible to accomplish this during the past year on account of financial and other considerations, therefore,

BE IT RESOLED, That We, as the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will still keep this goal in mind and endeavor to reach it in due time, and,

THAT, in order that something definite may be accomplished along these lines, we recommend the appointment of a Financial Agent for this purpose, whose salary shall consist of 15 per cent of all monies collected, with traveling expenses.

AND, after due consideration, the Board of Stewards recommend the appointment of Rev. N. L. Sayers for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

RESOLUTIONS

Speaking for both the ministers and laymen of the Gulf Annual Conference, Port Arthur, Texas, December 1-6, we desire

FIRST, to thank the pastor, Rev. E. D. Smith, for the excellent program he has given us and for the untiring efforts that he has put forth that we might be comfortable and contented.

We thank the speakers, Mayor R. H. Dunn; Rev. W. H. Crum, of the Methodist Church, South; our own Mr. C. V. Palmer and Mr. McDaniel, for their large-hearted welcome.

We appreciate the power of expression, the kindness of the good people of the city in furnishing us in such a hospitable way such comfortable rooms; and the ladies for untiring service as they have given in preparing good things to eat in a bountiful manner.

We thank Dr. A. J. Price, our beloved president of Port Arthur College and his co-workers for opening the school building to us and standing ready to serve us in any way that they might.

We shall always remember the addresses of Dr. Matthew J. Trenery, Dr. Claudius B. Spencer, Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, Dr. J. A. Mulfinger. They have been of untold value and inspiration to us.

"It is good to be here" with such men, and may God speed them on in the work of the Kingdom.

F. W. LOY,
J. H. BEADLE.
F. M. SIMPSON.

RESOLVED, That we extend to Bishop W. P. Thirkield, D. D., our sincere thanks for his kind and masterly presidency over our Conference Session.

That we appreciate his constant unflinching zeal and superb leadership in the work of our church in this far Southland.

We have been instructed and inspired by his public utterances and hope and pray that he may be continued as the Resident Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this important field.

F. W. LOY,
J. H. BEADLE,
F. M. SIMPSON.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the geographical area of the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is in the midst of the rapidly developing Southwest Territory, the industrial resources of which have only just begun to be realized, and which is now being rapidly populated by industrious and enterprising citizens from the older settled states of the Union; and

WHEREAS, The Gulf Conference has an institution of higher learning, which has come to us through the generosity of the late John W. Gates, a school that is full of promise for the youth of our homes and for the leadership of the conference in the future; and

WHEREAS, the future of our work in this territory of the Southland is inseparably linked with this school and our conference must build itself around this institution; and

WHEREAS, This school is located in Port Arthur, a city of romantic history and prophetic outlook, this city being the nearest port of entry to the Panama Canal and the outlet to the sea of the vast intercoastal system connecting the Mississippi and Rio Grande rivers, and by virtue of this situation, one of the most strategic centers in the whole country; and the strategic value of this center to the things of the Kingdom of God cannot but appeal to the statesmanship of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has always been quick to grasp opportunities of such prophetic magnitude.

WE BELIEVE that the church could do no one thing that would so greatly help and further the interests of the King-of-Kings and

of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as to establish an Episcopal Residence in Port Arthur; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Gulf Conference memorialize the General Conference of 1916 to make Port Arthur, Texas, an Episcopal Residence.
ERNEST D. SMITH.

RESOLUTION OF PEACE

RESOLVED, That we deplore the awful death-dealing and devastating war now raging in the Far East, and earnestly pray that the horrible war may soon cease and permanent and righteous peace prevail among the nations of the earth.

RESOLVED, That we most heartily endorse the pronounced policy of our President, Woodrow Wilson, to maintain the neutrality of this Republic, and approve his wise and constant endeavor to prevent this nation from being plunged into the vortex of destructive war.

F. W. LOY,
J. H. BEADLE,
F. M. SIMPSON.



MINUTES OF THE GULF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Gulf Annual Conference convened in the lobby of the Dormitory of the Port Arthur College, Port Arthur, Texas, December 3rd, 1915, 10:00 A. M. Dr. R. T. Fuller of New Orleans called the meeting to order.

On motion, Dr. J. W. Vogan, Alvin, Texas, was elected temporary chairman.

On motion, Mrs. Mabel King Kelly, of Lake Charles, La., was made temporary Secretary.

OFFICERS—

On motion the temporary chairman and secretary were made permanent.

COMMITTEES—

On motion, Mrs. Kelly, J. W. House, W. T. Dwier, were made the Committee on Credentials.

L. B. Boincourt, Nora Brister, Ellen Schrode, Committee on Resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT—

Conference adjourned to meet in the dormitory at 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Dr. Vogan.

INTRODUCTIONS—

Dr. C. B. Spencer, of the Central Christian Advocate, was introduced. Upon request Dr. Spencer talked on some of the questions that will come before the General Conference, especially interesting and instructive was that part of the address dealing with church union.

Dr. A. J. Price, representing a committee from the Annual Conference, was introduced, and in a very earnest manner, laid the college matters before the conference. He presented a plan, proposed by the Annual Conference. The plan being that the Conference borrow the \$7,500 necessary to be raised immediately, in order to meet the terms of the Gate's gift, bonding the conference for the amount.

REPORTS—

The Credential Committee reported twenty-five accredited delegates.

ROLL CALL—

Mrs. C. E. Norman, Hammond, La., Pearl Coward, DeRidder, La., Nora Brister, Provincial, La., Geo. M. King, Jr., Kinder, La., Mrs. F. J. Ensign, De Quincey, La., Henry Walton, Elton, La., Wat Morris, Winsboro, Texas, Ellen C. Schrode, Houston Heights, Texas, L. B. Boicourt, Hughes Springs, Texas, Julius A. Sigman, Deadwood, Texas, H. H. Jones, South Houston, Texas, Mrs. Ella Bobinette, San Antonio, Texas,

Wm. McCready, Woodville, Texas, John Wilbur Vogan, Alvin, Texas, John W. House, Texas City, A. L. Stanford, Lyford, Texas, Wm. T. Dwier, LaPorte, Texas, Samuel H. Matthews, Neuville, Texas, Wm. J. Royal, Marshall, Texas, H. C. Marshall, Jennings, La., N. C. Davis, Welsh, La., Jno. A. Barber, Indian Village, La., C. V. Palmer, Port Arthur, Texas, R. T. Fuller, New Orleans, La., Mabel King Kelly, Lake Charles, La., answered to the roll call.

On motion, the conference endorsed the plan of making the loan of \$7,500.00, proposed by the Annual Conference.

ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES

Motion made that the first order of business be the election of General Conference delegates. Motion carried.

Motion made that the majority of all votes cast be necessary for election. Motion carried.

Motion made that the nominations be by ballot. Motion carried.

TELLERS—

J. W. House, H. C. Marshall, Mrs. Robinette, were appointed tellers.

Motion made that we reconsider method of nomination. Motion carried.

Motion again presented that we nominate by ballot. Motion carried.

Motion made that we nominate by voice. Motion carried.

Dr. R. T. Fuller of New Orleans, La., was put in nomination by Mrs. Kelly, of Lake Charles. H. H. Jones was nominated by Mr. L. B. Boicourt.

First ballot resulted in no election.

Second ballot was taken with the following results: H. H. Jones, eleven; R. T. Fuller, twelve. The Chairman ruled that R. T. Fuller was elected.

Dr. Fuller appealed for the decision of the chair, and a third ballot was taken.

The third ballot resulted as follows: R. T. Fuller, sixteen; H. H. Jones, nine.

Mr. Jones moved that Dr. Fuller's election be made unanimous. Motion carried.

ELECTION RESERVE DELEGATES—

H. H. Deitz and H. H. Jones were nominated for reserve delegates.

First ballot was taken with the following results:

Total number of votes twenty-five—H. H. Jones, 24; H. H. Deitz, one.

On motion H. H. Jones was unanimously elected Reserve Delegate.

MEMORIALS—

L. B. Boicourt and J. A. Sigman offered the following memorial on church efficiency.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, 1916.
Lay Electoral Conference of the Gulf Conference.
Memorial on church efficiency.

Believing that the majority of our people, owing to geographical location, do not understand our problems in the Southland and are not being educated in them as they should by our periodicals and ministry Therefore be it resolved by this Lay Electoral Conference of the Gulf Conference in conference assembled. This the third day of Dec., 1915.

That we ask the General Conference to urge upon our editors and ministry the importance of enlightening our people on these things, believing this to be necessary for the best interests of The Kingdom and the work of Methodism and believing it will hasten a union of the branches of Methodism.

L. G. BOICUORT,

L. G. BOICOURT,

J. A. SIGMAN.

The above was unanimously adopted.

MABEL KING KELLY, Secretary.

J. W. VOGAN, Chairman.

J. B. Vogan and L. B. Boicourt presented the following memorial on Church union:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1916 from Lay Electoral Conference of the Gulf Conference:

MEMORIAL ON CHURCH UNION.

Be it resolved by this, the Lay Electoral Conference of the Gulf Conference, in conference assembled, this the 3rd day of December, 1915,

First, That we favor a Union of Methodism when the time shall have come that a real union can be affected, and hope and pray that the hour has arrived.

Second, That we are opposed the plan suggested by the Joint Commission on Church Union, especially to the provisions for Quadrennial Conferences and the division of the General Conference into two houses.

Third, We are opposed to the adoption of a name for the reorganized church that would appear to make its parish less than the world, and believe it should contain the words Methodist Episcopal.

Fourth, That the General Conference should bring out the objectionable features and suggest a way to overcome them and continue the Commission on Church Union.

L. B. BIOCOURT,

J. W. VOGAN,

The above was adopted by a vote of 24 to 1. The one objection being to any action being taken on the matter of name.

MABEL KING KELLY, Secretary.

J. W. VOGAN, Chairman.

The proposed constitutional change, providing for Bishops for races and languages was presented for action, with the following result: 14 for, 7 against.

The proposed constitutional amendment, known as the Colorado Amendment, was presented with the following results: 19 for, 2 against.

MOTIONS.

I move to instruct our Lay Representative to the General Conference to vote in committee and in the Conference for Lay Representation in the Annual Conference.

L. B. BOICOURT,

J. W. VOGAN.

Port Arthur, Texas, December 8, 1915.

The above motion was unanimously adopted.

MABEL KING KELLY, Secretary.

J. W. VOGAN, Chairman.

A letter from the Philadelphia Annual Conference containing the following resolution was presented for action:

Resolution:

Resolved, That the question of a limited pastoral term be passed around the Annual Conference and the Lay Electoral Conferences, for their consideration.

The resolution was unanimously opposed.

On motion, the Annual Conference was asked to print the minutes of the Lay Electoral Conference with the Conference minutes, the Lay Conference to pay additional expense.

Adjournment.

Conference adjourned to meet at 6:30.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Rev. G. B. Hines presented a message from Bishop Thirkield, asking the Lay Conference to meet in joint session with the Annual Conference immediately after the devotional meeting Saturday morning for further discussion of the plan for the loan of \$7,500.00 for the Port Arthur College.

Motion was made that after the adjournment of the Lay Electoral Conference, the Laymen's association be re-organized. Motion lost.

Report.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report:

RESOLVED, First, That we, members of the Gulf Lay Electoral

Conference appreciate most heartily the privilege of being in this session of the annual Conference, and in enjoying the ministrations of Bishop W. P. Thirkield, who has endeared himself to each of us.

Second, We extend our thanks to the open-hearted, hospitable people of Port Arthur, for the atmosphere of welcome and good cheer that has surrounded us and made our visit to Port Arthur a delight.

Third, We wish especially to express our appreciation to Dr. A. J. Price, president of Port Arthur College, and Mrs. Hurley, matron of the dormitory, for many courtesies.

ELLEN SCHRODE, Committee.
NORA BRISTER,
L. B. BOICOURT.

Minutes.

The minutes were approved without reading.

Adjournment.

Conference adjourned sine die.

MABEL KING KELLY, Secretary.

J. W. VOGAN, President.



Sunday School Statistics, Texas District, Gulf Conference, for 1915

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												
	Sunday Schools			Collections for Board of Sunday Schools					Ten per cent of S. S. Missionary Offering				
	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, Not Including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment in all Depts., Including Cradle Roll, H. Dept. Officers, Teachers and Scholars	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Mem- bers or Probationers	Home Dept. who are Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted dur- ing the Conference Year	Sunday School Ex- penses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Church	Sunday School	
Aldine	1	7	97	16	104	45	5	69	10	81	7		5
Alvin	1	128	188	26	185	89	20	35	33	110			6
Arctadia and Liverpool	1	13	58	5	127	50	11	35		50	2		2
Atlanta and Vivian	1	10	58		73	38	9	2		20			2
Austin, Hyde Park	2	16	156		151	172	3	80	37	64			2
Readwood and Bethel	2	15	43	6	54	18	3	17	1	13	4		2
Houston, College Heights	1	29	163	14	239	126	26	80	10	120			6
Houston, Homer Heights	4	27	143	33	170	75	9	40	10	90			1
Hughes Springs and Jefferson	1	14	99	8	132	75	3	40	8	50	1		1
Lincoln	2	8	96	1	104	30	3	35		85	2		2
Lyford	1	9	63	14	86	40	18	35		55			1
Marshall	1	18	130	22	170	75	18	20		20	1		2
Ore City Circuit	4	20	150		170	100	20	16		42	2		1
Overton, Noonday and Harleton	1	9	79	6	88	66	12	5		105	1		1
Pearland	1	12	80		110	55				2			1
Rockhill and Beckville	3	18	225		243	125	10	150	25	50			1
San Antonio, Trinity	1	7	23		30	8	19	40		26			1
San Antonio, Williams Chapel	1	19	180	21	220	130	19	40		141			1
Shelbyville and Center	5	24	270		284	240	18	100	30	1122	4		1
South Houston	33	276	2271	39	2738	1461	208	622	160	1122	24	19	17
Texas City													
Winsboro Circuit													
Woodville													
TOTAL													

Sunday School Statistics, North Louisiana District, Gulf Conference, for 1915

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS															
	Sunday Schools			Officers and Teachers	Scholars, Not Including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment in all Depts. Including Cradle Roll, H. Dept. Officers, Teachers and Scholars	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Mem- bers or Probationers	Scholars, including the Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted dur- ing the Conference Year	Sunday School Ex- penses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Collections for Board of Sunday Schools		Ten per cent of S. S. Missionary Offering
	Church	Sunday School														
Auburn and Smithdale	5	1	280		12		300	220	3	26		2	20	1		1
Basile	1	7	65		20		72	40	9	38		22	59	2		
DeQuincy	1	12	125				149	70	14				75	2		
Delidder	4	22	210		21		252	105	16	50			21	4	3	1
Dry Prong	4	22	105				127	90	14				50			
Elton and Raymond	4	18	94				130	60					18			
Florten and Neame	4	18	212				230	176					20	1		
Gloster Miss.	2	9	129				142	90					16			
Hico	2	9	97				106						21			
Kinder and Edna	2	12	148				160	98	4	109			23	1		
Martha	4	12	200				212	100					20	4		
Marthaville	5	25	300				325						21	14	5	1
Sabine	5	25	300				325						20			
TOTAL	34	187	1196		53		2205	1049	60	213	24	24	346			

Sunday School Statistics, Southern District, Gulf Conference, for 1915

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS									
	Officers and Teachers		Scholars, Not Including Home Department and Cradle Roll		Members in the Home Department		Children on the Cradle Roll		Total Enrollment in all Dept's, Including Cradle Roll, H. Dept. Officers, Teachers and Scholars	
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, Not Including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment in all Dept's, Including Cradle Roll, H. Dept. Officers, Teachers and Scholars	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted during the Conference Year
Church		Sunday School Ex-penses: Lesson Books, etc.		Members of Sunday School		Ten per cent of S. S. Missionary Offering		Collections for Board of Sunday Schools		Other
Church	Sunday School	Members of Sunday School	Members of Sunday School	Members of Sunday School	Members of Sunday School	Members of Sunday School	Members of Sunday School	Members of Sunday School	Members of Sunday School	
Bayou Chene	203	14	120	359	95	22	30	8	35	4
Crowley	13	11	11	87	40	13	20	5	13	1
Ebenezer	106	11	11	119	67	13	25	8	40	4
French, Miss. and Sweet Lake	51	5	5	46	22	4	25	5	13	1
Greydan	35	3	3	48	27	4	10	15	35	1
Hammond and Natalbany	176	21	26	51	30	6	10	4	25	1
Iowa	24	8	8	196	98	21	10	15	162	1
Jennings	176	61	27	224	90	33	30	4	105	1
Lake Charles	125	140	15	266	10	10	30	4	157	1
Loranger	11	30	15	149	61	10	30	4	42	1
Lutcher	15	30	15	45	35	3	3	8	32	1
Mauchere Circuit	11	5	5	62	35	3	3	15	42	1
New Orleans, St Charles Ave.	1	9	9	62	35	3	3	15	42	1
Port Arthur	1	14	14	315	115	13	120	16	113	1
Wells	1	32	32	327	140	27	250	64	133	1
TOTAL	22	232	316	2514	862	200	250	64	784	25

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Treasurer's Report, Southern District, Gulf Conference, For 1915

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES												OTHER BENEVOLENCES					OTHER ITEMS														
	MISSIONS					ED.		B. of Conf.					W. H.		Total Benevolences	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total													
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Aid Society	Public Ed'l. Collections	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collections	Church	Sunday Schools. (Total)	Bd. Conf. Chm's. (Chicago)	Ann'l Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society	Cash						Supplies	American Bible Society	Gen. Office Expense, Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Louisiana Methodist Orphanage	Anti-Saloon League	American Volunteer	Epworth League Ann'y. Fund				
																													Board of F. Missions and C. Ex.	B. of H'm.	S. S. Cl's.	M. S.
Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Aid Society	Public Ed'l. Collections	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collections	Church	Sunday Schools. (Total)	Bd. Conf. Chm's. (Chicago)	Ann'l Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	Gen. Office Expense, Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Louisiana Methodist Orphanage	Anti-Saloon League	American Volunteer	Epworth League Ann'y. Fund	Total Benevolences	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total					
Bayou Chene	27	75	23				1	4	3	5	2			1					60					60	6	1	1	68				
Crowley	30		30					1	1										156					156	5	4	2	169				
Ebenezer	22		22																56					56	5	1		66				
French Miss. and Sweet Lake	15		15					2	2		1	1							51					51	10	6	1	68				
Gaydan	5		5																10					10	4			14				
Hammond and Natalbany																																
Iowa	15		15					2											39					39	10	5	2	56				
Jennings	65		65					6	12		3	3							184					184	30	21	3	235				
Lake Charles	33	100	31											25					258					258	50	23	3	334				
Loranger																																
Lutcher Circuit	20		20					5	5		1								57					57	15	13	2	91				
New Orleans, St Charles Ave.	5	6	2					3	3	20									164					164	3	5	6	178				
New Orleans, First Italian																																
Port Arthur	12	23	7					5	5		1								100					100	90	25	2	155				
Welsh	62	32	58					11	12		5	17		25					272					306	25	16	20	349				
TOTAL	311	181	11284					117	135	64	28	30	50	25	5	17	1	25	15	5	4	1423	4	17	17	1461	196	127	20	1803		

Recapitulation, Treasurer's Report, Gulf Conference, For 1915

NAMES OF DISTRICTS	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES														OTHER BENEVOLENCES				OTHER ITEMS															
	MISSIONS				ED.		B. of		Cont.		W. H.		Total Disciplinary Benevolences		Louisiana Methodist Orphanage	Anti-Saloon League	American Volunteer	Special Gifts		Total Benevolences	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total										
	Church	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Freedmen's Aid Society	Public Ed'l. Collections	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collections	Church	Sunday Schools. (Total)	Bd. Conf. Clm's. (Chicago)	Ann'l Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society											Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	City Missionary or Ch. Ex. Society	Gen. Office Expense, Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues				
																															B. of F. Missions	B. of H'm. and C. Ex.	S. S.	Cl's.
North Louisiana	83	73	5	83	5	8	8	2	4	8	2	4	6	1	2	5	5	4	4	244	244	26	23	13	310									
Last Year	73	60	14	50	14	9	9	25	16	8	25	4	17	1	25	15	17	5	4	284	284	26	23	17	340									
Southern	311	181	11	1284	117	135	64	28	21	30	45	45	5	1	40	4	11	17	32	1461	1461	196	127	20	1803									
Last Year	303	170	128	260	90	109	43	37	34	82	24	45	2	23	51	23	28	17	5	1499	1499	201	95	23	1852									
Texas	382	53	102	329	3	94	65	70	38	71	29	35	14	120	61	23	28	72	62	1600	1600	104	107	43	1814									
Last Year	284	55	145	295	145	35	32	48	63	36	19	32	18	130	61	23	17	72	62	1570	1570	140	79	14	1863									

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NAMES OF CHARGES		NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										SUNDAY SCHOOLS		BAPTISMS										
			Support of Pastor			Sup. of D. upts.		Sup. of Bishops		Sup. of C. Claimants		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Dep'ts.	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children Who are Under Instruction as Probationers						
			Total Claims Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claims									Paid					
Aldine	Alvin	Aracadia	Atlanta and Vivian	Austin, Hyde Park	Deadwood and Bethel	Houston, College Heights	Houston, Heights	Hughes Springs and Jefferson	LaPorte	LaPorte Circuit	Lyford	Marshall	Ore City Circuit	Overton, Noonday and Harleton	Pearland	Rockhill and Beckville	San Antonio, Trinity	San Antonio, Williams Chapel	Shelbyville and Center	South Houston	Texas City	Winsboro Circuit	Woodville	TOTAL	
250	1050	425	320	370	280	250	20	1180	800	725	240	574	1000	85	515	440	500	1360	450	550	250	200	500	2504	10375
104	150	146	25	12	15	14	18	15	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	10	13	8	5	3	5	32
880	170	105	42	30	7	5	10	6	5	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	505	110	177	1062	50	11550	
1098	560	125	24	67	45	6	5	5	5	8	9	9	14	3	25	2	5	1492	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
560	125	24	67	45	6	5	10	6	5	8	9	9	14	3	25	2	5	1492	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
725	240	65	40	21	6	5	8	8	8	8	9	9	14	3	25	2	5	1492	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
574	124	50	45	40	6	7	18	16	8	9	9	9	14	3	25	2	5	1492	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
1000	820	200	100	56	14	7	18	16	8	9	9	9	14	3	25	2	5	1492	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
85	50	35	35	100	98	3	6	5	5	8	9	9	14	3	25	2	5	1492	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
575	75	60	100	25	11	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
440	190	250	25	11	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
500	460	100	40	32	4	2	8	5	5	8	9	9	14	3	25	2	5	1492	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
1360	360	100	100	100	100	14	18	14	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
550	100	100	50	40	6	5	12	10	10	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
250	92	158	30	14	3	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
1240	952	240	288	100	71	14	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	505	243	317	220	294	2478	
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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAME OF PASTOR	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP					EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY								GEN. CON. EXP.		
		Probationers		Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Church	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses Sexton, Fuel Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for Quadrennium
		Now on Roll	Members on roll		Non-Resident Members														
			Enrolled During Year																
Aldine	C. L. Elliott	1	15	28	7	2	22	13	1	2500	1	1500	13	70	330	104	6	5	
Alvin	Nye I. Harland	2	160	10	2	30	30		1	2000	1	2000	75	100	150	45	21	3	
Atlanta	G. L. Harper	7	41		2	2			1	1250	1	800	875					1	
Atlanta and Vivian	R. T. Pynes	7	161	3	2	1			2	3500	1	300	100					2	
Austin, Hyde Park	R. T. Pynes	14	12						1	1200									
Bedwood College Heights	T. J. Shrode	12	137	20	3				1	4000	1	1800	320	94	285	185		3	
Houston, College Heights	J. H. Shrode	9	165	26	2	8	7		4	6500	1	1000	40	40	100	100		3	
Hughes Springs and Jefferson	W. I. Gates	1	89	14	2	38	26		1	2000	1	1500	1100		400	50		3	
LaPorte	H. L. Ellington	2	6	43	2	16	16		1	500									
Lufkin Circuit	E. L. Jones	2	116	22	3	30	30		1	10000	1	2500	1150	525		60		3	
Marshall	C. E. Woodson	14	113	14	47	8	3		3	1200		800	250			133		3	
Ore City Circuit	J. W. Stokes	11	142	8	6	3			2	3200	1							3	
Ore City Circuit and Harleton	G. W. Holmes	5	28	10	1				1	3000	1	800	30			26		3	1
Pearland and Beekville	R. T. Pynes	5	4	66	1	2	20		1	45000	1	1500	2500			20		4	
Rockhill and Trinity	H. C. Leonard	8	130	20					1	3000	1	1250	60			247		2	
San Antonio, Williams Chapel	J. M. Kenna	2	200	17	3	3	70		1	3000	1	600	80			25		2	
San Antonio, Trinity	J. W. Holmes	6	2	16			21		1	3000	1	2000	80	65	161			1	1
Shelbyville and Center	J. R. Basket	2	53	4	1				2	3500			100					5	
South Houston	W. T. Stokes	4	44	54	2	4	29		2	1800			5800					12	
Texas City	K. C. Minter	79	160	301	21	2	224	136	37	110750	16	21375	4193	894	1165	1233		34	2
Windsboro Circuit			56	1920														4	
Woodville																			
TOTAL																			

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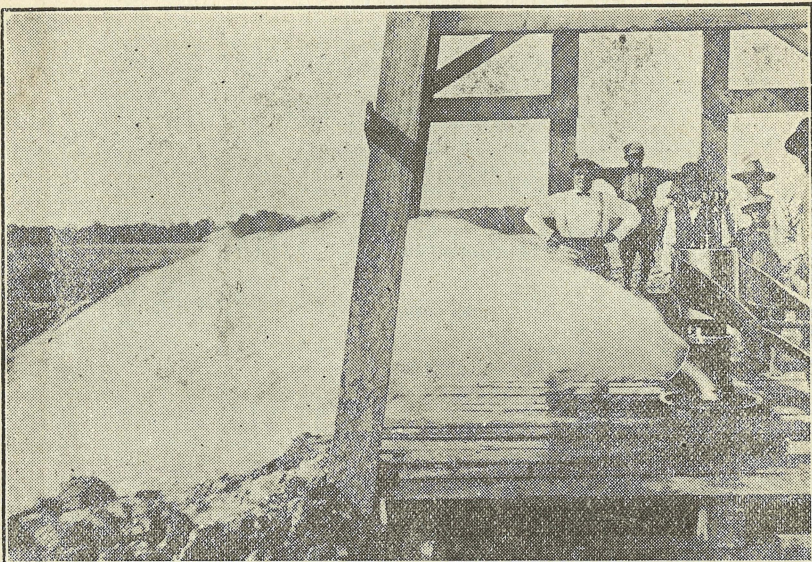
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NAME OF DISTRICT	NAME OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										SUNDAY SCHOOLS		BAPTISMS					
		Support of Pastor			Sup. of D. Supt.		Sup. of Bishops		Sup. of C. Claimants		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Dep'ts.	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children Who are Under Instruction as Probationers	
		Total Claims Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claims									Paid
North Louisiana	H. S. White	4560	4211	440	899	520	466	33	20	51	30	4727	1006	34	187	2203	50	38	61
	Last year	4574	3867	430	1226	421	348	44	23	38	26	4264	1376	30	168	1700	174	53	30
	Increase	14	344	10	327	99	118	11	3	13	4	463	370	4	19	503	124	15	31
Southern	J. A. Carruth	10270	10531	1733	476	942	958	135	118	207	190	11897	532	22	232	2493	23	47	68
	Last year	11448	11267	1490	418	935	929	97	95	201	201	12492	448	22	221	2471	59	90	88
	Increase	1178	736	243	58	7	29	38	33	6	11	595	84	22	11	22	36	43	20
Texas	J. W. Hervey	12564	10375	2009	2209	1129	905	118	106	171	164	11550	2478	32	276	2696	36	43	20
	Last year	13698	11818	1899	1960	1156	970	104	84	169	140	12506	1979	35	329	2773	150	64	79
	Increase	1134	1443	110	249	104	22	14	22	2	24	499	499	3	47	77	41	26	15
Grand Totals		27394	25117	4182	3584	2591	2329	286	244	423	384	28174	4016	88	695	7392	182	123	208

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		Probationers		Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Church	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses Sexton, Fuel Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for Quadrennium	
		Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers	Deaths During Year													
North Louisiana	H. S. White	37	64	1485	195	15	6			18	22525	5	4150	856	572	1405	212	11	13	1
		41	124	1678	313	18	7			27	30050	5	5500	4269	930	805	278	12	7	5
Southern	J. A. Carruth	4	60	193	118	3				9	7525	9	350	2413	358	600	66	1	20	4
		76	157	1482	109	9	10	266	123	181	16650	9	19350	28289	1082	12451	1190	57	23	6
Texas	J. W. Hervey	112	159	1385	54	14	8	280	87	18	77150	9	18051	2746	130	12804	1091	71	23	25
				97	55	5	2	14	36		39500		1299	25543	952	353	99	14	3	19
		36	2	1920	301	21	29	224	136	37	110750	16	21375	4193	894	1165	1233	12	44	2
		79	56	1920	301	21	29	224	136	37	110750	16	21375	4193	894	1165	1233	12	44	2
		146	187	2449	125	17	18	314	86	40	114837	15	17650	3237	758	1442	1185	4	11	3
		67	131	529	176	4	11	90	50	3	4087	1	3725	956	136	277	48	8	33	9
	Grand Totals	190	277	4887	605	45	48	490	259	73	249925	20	44875	38338	2548	15121	2635	80	77	



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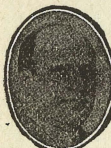
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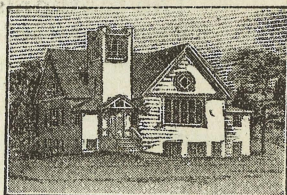
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